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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 102ND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1977

ONCE again I have the happy duty to welcome you all to Adyar to this 102nd Convention of the Theosophical Society. Many visitors from abroad as well as more from India than can usually visit Adyar are gathered here in their International Headquarters for what we all hope will be an inspiring and happy time together. It can be for each one of us an occasion for renewal and deepening experience as we accept the challenge that such a gathering of members of the Theosophical Society offers to every participant. May we all be worthy of that great blessing which may descend upon those who try to serve their brother man. (*Rise*)

May Those who are the embodiment of Love immortal, bless with Their protection the Society established to do Their will on earth; may They ever strengthen it with Their power, inspire it with Their wisdom and energize it with Their activity. (*Be seated*)

When we look at today's world, it is both sad and alarming to note how standards of ethics and morals have declined and are still declining. Amnesty International has very recently stated that basic Human Rights are being set at nought in many countries of the world at this very moment. And yet most, if

not all of these have signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Let me mention a few of the articles.

Article 3.

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 5.

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 9.

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 12.

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation.

Article 13.

Everyone has a right to freedom of movement and residence. Everyone has the right to leave any country including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 16.

Men and women have the right without any limitation due to race or religion to marry and to found a family.

Article 17.

No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

Article 18.

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion and (**Article 19**) to freedom of opinion and expression.

Does it mean nothing any more for the representatives of countries great and small to sign such a declaration without, it would appear, any real intention of upholding the substance of the matter at issue, should circumstance no longer suit those in power? Where, we may ask, is honour—that virtue of virtues—which used to be so cherished by all men and women everywhere and which could confidently be expected from all having temporal authority over their fellows? Have we not all heard that a man's word is his bond and never doubted or questioned, that he would always be bound by it? And yet is it too cynical to say that many promises today are made subject to the further consideration of who offers more or who pays most?

We have reason to ponder, when we read the newspapers in many lands, upon the fact that fear—fear of losing a position and the salary that goes with it—unquestionably governs man's decisions, his behaviour and his willingness to act in a manner contrary to his own better judgment. Fear has seemingly forced people in high positions to behave in ways that are contrary to the code of honour that has been accepted down the centuries as the basis for human relationships.

What is happening to us and where must all this dishonesty lead? Born into a world where science, and more recently technology, have taken so leading a role in all fields, that tendency towards materialism grows stronger day by day,

and man, having escaped from the various forms of slavery that have existed in the past, has now fallen victim to the economic slavery in whose toils nearly all humanity now languishes. Somewhere in this process man has lost his faith in the Good, the True and the Beautiful. Influenced by an educational system which is more concerned with cleverness than with goodness, he is wandering like a lost soul in a maze of perplexity—head-learning, based on text-books, has largely replaced that heart wisdom which inculcates a reliance on ethical behaviour that is community centred. Man's acceptance of the false gods of money, status and power, has deprived him of the ability to distinguish clearly between right and wrong and the modern tendency is to reassure him when he has qualms of conscience that it does not matter very much anyway!

The so-called polite behaviour required by a society that is too concerned with what is and what is not done is all too often a mere cover up, concealing thoughts and feelings that are very far removed from forced smiles and conventional words. While we should exercise discrimination and by all means allow for sufficient time to bring a serious discussion to a useful conclusion, it might be more eloquent of real friendship if we were occasionally to say what we really think and feel. Most of us need to break down barriers and clear the ground for better friendships based on real understanding instead of indulging in mere superficial inanities. Let there be good behaviour that helps to oil the wheels of life, but true friendship between man and man is far more than that.

Dr. G. S. Arundale (whose centenary year will centre around December 1st 1978) used to encourage those around him, particularly the young, to be 'Free, Fearless and Friendly,' and it is, as we

have seen already, just these three enviable attitudes to life that are so difficult to maintain today. The younger generation, except where they are consciously in search of Truth—and many are—have little hope of living by such principles. So many want to have what they are looking for immediately, not at some future time, but are not prepared to really work for it. They are restless and find it almost impossible to commit themselves to any specific non-materialistic interest—sports, the cinema screen, the boy or girl-friend are the things that matter.

This hesitancy to commit oneself to being labelled as a member of some organisation, affects the Theosophical Society seriously in some parts of the world. In a recent report from Europe, a General Secretary comments on this question. Having written that more young people have been joining the Society recently though most new members are older, he continues:

‘The problem lies elsewhere. Most of the younger members join because they are interested in spiritual matters in a general way and enjoy the large libraries our Lodges provide. They make use of our premises as meeting places and often have a deep concern with Theosophy but they have little interest in, let alone allegiance, to, the Theosophical Society itself. They would join any other association if it offered them the same facilities and opportunities. As they are not usually inclined to hold offices, the administrative work rests, therefore, in the hands of a few older members. This is a different situation from that which existed some 50 years ago. It was then one of the main attractions for the younger members to belong to a world-wide Society and the Theosophical Society as a Society was for the members as important as Theosophy itself. At

present, the younger members especially have only a rather loose connection with the Society and it is doubtful whether they will suffice as a foundation for our work in the future. Certainly this rather loose attachment is partly due to the fact that they feel there is no longer any special knowledge offered by the Society that could not be obtained elsewhere, nor is “Universal Brotherhood” the exclusive possession of our Society. On the contrary, there are other organisations which they find are more effective in that respect.’

Universal Brotherhood is necessarily a brotherhood of differences, uniquenesses and polarities, since Nature never creates the same thing twice. But to be universal leads us to consider our relationship to and connections with *all* people, which means that in the Theosophical Society, we find those both more and less congenial to ourselves. Many other organisations practise very real brotherhood in a less universal context and therefore seem to be more successful. Our Society has undertaken to follow the steeper path.

The letter continues: ‘So, if the Theosophical Society is to survive as a really vital organism, and not only remain as an institution of caretakers of a museum of very precious knowledge, we shall have to ponder deeply over the question in what respect we are still able to appeal to the world in a way that is unique.’

No real student of Theosophy can doubt for a moment that vast stores of knowledge lie within the theosophical doctrine that are not at all readily available—if at all—elsewhere. They also know that the prolonged and continuing study of the doctrine, described by one of the Elder Brothers as ‘the only true one,’ opens the doors of the mind to the inflow of what we may call the Wisdom. A superficial look at Theosophy,

the Theosophical Society and Theosophists will not bring such results and it is neither strange nor unjust that one of the guardians of the Gateway that leads to peace and liberation should be a patient, determined application.

It is our evident inability to present the great message of Theosophy clearly—which can only be done when we speak and act from strength and not weakness, knowledge not ignorance, from a wide contact with our science and not only from a smattering of rehashed ideas—it is this that stands in the way of our greater success.

We are all ambassadors for Theosophy and an ambassador must know his country well if he is to represent it effectively. For us our country is the vast field of the teaching that flows from the Ageless Wisdom and there is no member, old or new, who has not, as his dharma and his duty, to give time and effort to this study—not just for his own enjoyment but so that he can pass it on. 'Learn that you may teach,' said one of the Elder Brothers. 'Acquire spiritual knowledge and strength that the work may lean upon you, and the sorrowing victims of ignorance learn from you the cause and remedy of their pain.' *L.M.W. Series I., p. 19.*

An ambassador must also take the trouble to know well the country to which he is accredited, otherwise his mission is unlikely to be a success. For us once again, the country to which Theosophists are accredited is nothing less than the world itself. We must go out to the circumference bearing, offering and sharing the gifts of the centre—nothing less—and valuable, even priceless, they can be when we have made that centre real to ourselves.

There is need then also for us to be in touch with what is taking place in the world around us so that we can choose

what part of the circumference seems most in need. The centre and the circumference are two—but also one—so that we may never think we can escape permanently from one in order to concentrate on the other. The wholeness lives, moves and has its being as a Oneness basically indivisible and Karma binds us to the responsibility for accepting the work we have been born on earth to do. Once, then, that we have accepted the duty of serving the 'Orphan Humanity' by all the means in our power, we start to examine our methods and there is probably no lodge nor even any member anywhere in the world, that would not increase in usefulness by carefully looking into its present activities. The criterion clearly must be whether we attract newcomers and whether our ability to arouse continuing interest succeeds in creating, not only a new member of the Theosophical Society in terms of quantity which is less important, but in terms of quality, a new student of Theosophy, seeker for Truth and dedicated server of his fellow man. If we do not succeed in creating new students and servers, there must be something wrong with our methods and we need to think about changing them.

Lodges then should re-examine their programmes and experiment with new ideas. Let us ask ourselves, is our Lodge the kind of place that anyone would like to visit a second time—or is it dreary dirty and dark? Should it not be clean, bright and appear as if it were the expression of a group of people who are enlightened? Are the books in our libraries fulfilling the dharma of books, which is to be read by both members and public or do they remain indefinitely on the shelves, undusted, behind lock and key? Have we developed a method of making them available—of sharing the wisdom with others?

Individually, do we approach others rather aggressively, seeking to force Theosophy upon them? Or are we so lukewarm that the visitor comes to wonder why we are in the Lodge at all? Who knows but that the negative reactions of some people to Theosophy are not due to some innate fear that they may be judged ignorant or unenlightened because they do not already know about it, or that their too eager acceptance is not due to the desire to appear to others as thoughtful and intelligent? Tact and discernment have to be at our elbow all the time. We may beware likewise of the person who having listened to a talk will immediately point out that all of what you have been saying is in the *Bhagavad Gita* or in the *Bible* or some other religious book. It may indeed be found in one or other of the great scriptures of the world, but what, one may ask politely, has the questioner done about it? To know where a marvellous and deep teaching is to be found may on occasion be of some use, but unless the action, which the passage exists to promote, should follow, that usefulness is minimal. What a man does is more important than what he says and what he is, is more important still.

Since, then, we are all responsible for promoting this wonderful work, which has been put into our hands, it requires each of us, singly or in groups, to find methods of making a success of our mission. Who should be of greatest concern to us? Surely it is the man who has not yet drawn near to the Ancient Wisdom and shared the immense benefit of some realisation of what that Wisdom can bring in terms of happiness, by giving its students a deeper understanding of life? This is not to say that our members are not important, but when one looks at the situation objectively, it is not unreasonable to think that those who have found Theosophy or who have

access to it are amongst the fortunate minority, whereas the vast majority of men still remain in ignorance. When we have this ageless Wisdom available to us it becomes our own individual decision to study or not to study, to try to live by certain teachings or to neglect them, to enter determinedly on the Path that leads to liberation or to dawdle foolishly on the way. If, then, there is choice we can accept the challenge or reject it.

It is true that we can be helped by others through books and through contact to take Theosophy more seriously than we have done up till now. However, we have the duty to turn our attention to that majority group who so far have not had the benefits that you or I have received through our contacts with the Wisdom. It is to them, is it not, that one's heart goes out in the desire to reach them in some way or other so that their lives may be changed in the direction of deeper understanding and fulfilment?

It is in order to reach out to this large group that many changes have been made in recent months in the magazine, *The Theosophist*, not only in terms of its format but to some extent also in the content. We are finding our way towards a balance between the serious articles for students and the somewhat lighter articles for those who still require what one can only call stepping stones from the life which knows nothing of spiritual ideals to the ineffable Wisdom that we call Theosophy; for there are, as we know, millions of such people in the world today who are dissatisfied with superficiality and beginning to seek for something deeper.

The transition from one point of view to the other is for many not easy and there has to be, or so it seems to me, an attempt made to lead such people from where they stand at present towards where we, more than most, are in a

position to offer that which they are unable to find in the many peculiar and often fraudulent organisations which have arisen in recent years all around the world. We have to reach out towards the circumference, but what we have to offer there must be that which we have found at the centre. There is little use for us to offer on the circumference that which is already there. Our duty is to take in our hands all that we have understood of the Wisdom at the centre and offer it to those who are able to take a few steps towards it. Some will come more quickly and some more slowly, but we must have confidence that the Wisdom itself is of such a nature that it will inevitably attract everyone in the end.

H.P.B., speaking of the century which lay ahead of her own day, has told us that it would be a very different world, as indeed it is—a world of great temptations, of great scientific advances, social turmoil and confusion and a tremendous lack of discrimination in the ability to choose the false from the true. We must not be afraid of change because it is inevitable, and even more apparent to-day than ever before. Everything is moving quickly towards an uncertain future and surely towards a great crisis in human affairs. It is the continuing work of the Theosophical Society to maintain steadiness in the midst of all the upheaval around us. Steadiness, however, does not mean sameness. It does not mean that we merely have to go out in the same old way as though we were living 50 or 100 years ago. It means maintaining steadiness in a world of change in which it has become our duty to continue to hold out the promise of further understanding to every man or woman who is prepared to work in order to attain it. In order to reach all such, we must also review, as I have said before, what we are doing.

We have thought for many years about the statement that at the end of the century there would be another effort made by the Elder Brothers to introduce some new keynote into the existing chord of human life. We need to be extremely open-minded if we hope to recognise what that keynote is. Just as in music there may be very many variations on a theme, so the theosophical theme will surely remain in the background as fundamental as it ever has been, but the variation in the presentation of that theme may differ quite as much as one religious presentation differs from another. We may recall how 2,000 years ago, the Jewish people of Palestine were looking for a Messiah and they had very definite ideas as to what that Messiah should be and say and do. There arrived on the scene the teacher whom we now know as the Master Jesus, and who did not at all fit into their picture and yet perhaps he was, in truth, the great one that they were awaiting.

Do not let us fall into the same trap in supposing that the teaching of the end of this century will be exactly like that of 100 years ago. It may, indeed, be very different. The emphasis may be on something that we have not considered to be very important in the past, but which today has assumed a quite different importance in the eyes of those who stand behind the scenes. Probably we have assumed that the Torchbearer as H.P.B. called him would come from the East, in the physical sense, but though his teaching may come from the East symbolically, he might, after all, appear in the West, and may speak more of the Oneness which lies behind universal brotherhood, rather than of brotherhood itself. It may be universality that is stressed and more particularly the love which has to be in every heart if each is to live that universality as part of his

life. Could it be that the tremendous interest in yoga that we find all around the world today is not just fortuitous? Could it be part of a plan, at present only in its beginnings, to help thousands of our fellow human beings to understand that there is a way that leads to freedom and peace?

Whilst it is not our work to promote psychism, except in a very objective manner, it is surely true that if we can find a means of showing to the rank materialist that there is something beyond the world of his five senses, then we have done something to break down the totality of his materialistic outlook. I mention this tentatively, because it is a field in which, if move at all, we will have to move very carefully. Let us at least understand that even for the materialist, there has also to be a beginning and that that beginning may not immediately be in terms of a philosophy of life but only something which urges him to concede that there is something more behind appearances even though he may not yet understand it fully.

What does this all add up to then? It adds up to the fact that you and I and all our membership throughout the world have a great work to do. We are beginning to move towards the ability to help our neighbour and not merely to remain dependent on somebody else for such help. It is no longer sufficient simply to sit at someone's feet to reread what we have read in one form or another so often before. We are moving towards the position where we can be positive, where we can stand on our own feet, be self-reliant, realise our responsibility, accept the willingness to practise what we preach and begin to forget ourselves in the service of others. It is not any use to rely on a few people to do all the work. The work is too big and it will only be accomplished when everybody is

concerned to help with it as best he can. Do let us all, then, move away from any feeling, not that all is well because all is always well, but from the feeling that we can just sit down complacently and hope for the best. The future will come about happily for the world when a sufficient number of citizens of the world work for that future and in the field within which the Theosophical Society may be said to move, the work depends upon all of us. Let us, then, with renewed energy and determination, with a deeper dedication and commitment to this great work, spend our week here at Adyar in intelligent co-operation with one another, in affectionate regard for one another and in a realisation of why we are here. It is not just to learn a few more facts and reiterate what we already know, but to renew ourselves in the special creative atmosphere of what Dr. Besant called the 'Flaming Centre' of Adyar. Then, invigorated to go back again into the world from which we came, better able to carry out the mission that this Society has accepted through our founders from those great and wise teachers whose interest is not only in you and in me but in all the teeming millions of the world.

Adyar Library and Research Centre.—The Library has been asked by the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare to undertake the project of the reconstruction into Sanskrit of some of the lost Sanskrit texts which, however, are still preserved in their Tibetan translation. As the Adyar Library has the complete set of Tanjur and Kanjur volumes, it has accepted the offer. The Library has already reconstructed some of the works of Nagārjuna and brought them out in the Adyar Library Series when the services of a Sanskrit-Tibetan scholar were available.

The Library is continuing translations of many Indian classics and editing of texts and the high standing of the Library in the academic world is clear from the visits of many scholars for research purposes and study.

With its unique collection of manuscripts and books on Indological studies and with the service facilities available, it is able to give much assistance to all who consult it. Books numbering 1693 have been added to the Library. Many were gifts for which the donors are warmly thanked, as also are those who have donated money.

Theosophical Publishing House.—During the year sales reached nearly Rs. 600,000, the highest in the history of the Theosophical Publishing House. The import of books from the United Kingdom and from the United States of America amounted to Rs. 27,500, mainly from the theosophical publishing houses in those countries.

Twenty-seven books were reprinted and, at the request of the Danish Section and Adyar-Verlag, Austria, books were printed by offset in Danish and German respectively. There were four new publications, two being T.P.H. publications and two for the Liberal Catholic Church. Work on the printing of Volume I of the two-volume edition of *The Secret Doctrine* was nearly completed and the books will be available in 1978. In commemoration of the birth centenary of Clara Codd in October 1976 a special number of *The Theosophist* was issued, all copies of which were sold. The September 1977 special number celebrated the centenary of publication of *Isis Unveiled*. It has been decided to reprint editions of *Nirvana*, *Mount Everest* and *Kundalini* by Dr. G. S. Arundale to commemorate his birth centenary which falls on 1st December, 1978.

The circulation of the *Adyar Newsletter* rose to 600 mainly due to the generous co-operation of the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, which is acting as distributor in the United States.

Theosophy and Science Report.—With the approval of the General Council the International Advisory Committee on Science and Technology was formed with eleven members, the President, Mr. John Coats, as Chairman and Mr. V. W. Slater as Vice-Chairman. A register of qualified scientific members of the Society has been made. The number so far registered is 130 from all over the world. The newly named international journal *Theosophy-Science* (formerly the *Research Centre Journal*) now published by the Society, is sponsored by TWTER, London, and edited by the Theosophical Research Centre, London, with an international editorial board of which Dr. Lester Smith is the Chairman. This journal is issued four times a year. From Adyar the *Bulletin* of the Theosophy-Science Group, India, is issued five times a year. The American Section has constituted a Theosophical Research Institute with Mr. H. Lubitz as Chairman. The Theosophy-Science Department co-ordinates the activities of these scientific groups all over the world.

International Tours.—During the year the International President visited thirteen countries in Europe where he was Guest of Honour at the conventions and summer schools of the different regions, at all of which he took part in the lecture programmes. He also attended the European Federation Council meeting in Denmark. In India, Mr. Coats visited the Assam and Karnataka Federations as well as a number of other places. The International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, briefly visited New Zealand on her way to the United States,

where she toured extensively and was Guest of Honour at the Annual Convention and at a number of camps. At Krotana she conducted a seminar of several weeks. On her return journey to Adyar, Miss Mills visited England and Israel and presided over a Federation conference in Bombay. The General Secretary of India, Mrs. Radha Burnier, toured South America and also visited the United States. Mrs. Rukmini Devi was Guest of Honour at the German Summer School and visited the United States, speaking at the National Summer School and elsewhere.

Deaths.—We record the deaths of two of our oldest members, Srimati Seshammal, the mother of the late President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and of Mrs. Rukmini Devi, at the age of 104, and that of Mr. Pontefract of England aged 103. The Indian Section has lost Sri Balwant G. Khapade, a member for over seventy years, and Sri Surya Narayana Agarwal, a member for over sixty-five years. We must mention the great loss to the Portuguese Section in the death of Professor Delio Nobre Santos.

Changes of Staff.—In December 1976, circumstances indicated the need for the assistance of a security officer and Mr. J. D. Aranha was appointed Controller of the Security Department, formerly called the Watch and Ward Department. He brought about a number of changes and continued in this office until October 1977. Mrs. Lakshmi Rao took over from Mrs. Jayagowri Shah as Superintendent of the Bhojanasala. In February 1977 Miss Marion Caws, who had been Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist* since 1974, left for Australia for reasons of health and Mr. W. Humphries acted as Assistant Editor until June 1977, when Miss Prema Dasara agreed to assist the Editor with the work. In May 1977 Mr. C. Seshadri replaced

as General Manager, Lt. Col. Gopalaratnam who had resigned to take up work with the Indian Section. At the same time Mr. Ch. Sankar Rao accepted the position of Superintendent (acting) of the Maintenance Department. His appointment was confirmed in October. Mr. and Mrs. Janusz Krauss left for South Africa in September after working for nine months in Leadbeater Chambers and in their place came Mrs. Erica Morris from Australia to carry on the work of Superintendent. The Superintendent of the Garden Department, Mr. Meenakshisundaram, retired due to ill health and he was replaced by Mr. R. Ramanathan in August. Another resignation due to ill health was that of Miss Savitri Advani, who had been working for the Society for many years and was, at the time of her resignation, in the International Secretary's Office.

Archives.—The airconditioning of a section of the Archives has been carried out and now many valuable and precious items are housed in cooler temperatures. The fumigation of the entire Archives was carried out by the Pest Control of India. A full-time staff for lamination and binding has been appointed and the work is proceeding well. Owing to the generosity of overseas members, the Archives now have an ample supply of negative microfilms. The work of microfilming is proceeding smoothly. This department has received its full share of researchers and our holdings of Mrs. Besant's papers relating to her social and political work have been requested by research scholars and institutes from several countries, including the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, which provided a senior archivist to catalogue the collection. These papers are currently being microfilmed for the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi,

in connection with the Home Rule League Movement.

Other work has been done in connection with H.P.B.'s first book, *Isis Unveiled*, to assist Mr. Boris de Zirkoff in his series of *The Collected Writings* of H.P.B. and also to help Dr. Dubbink with his forthcoming publication of the *Collected Writings* of T. Subba Row. Work has also begun on the biographical data of Dr. G. S. Arundale, whose birth centenary occurs on December 1, 1978.

Subba Row Medal.—The highest award in the Theosophical Society for distinguished literary work was given by the General Council to Dr. Lester Smith, England, for his outstanding work, *Intelligence Came First*. This award was bestowed on him at the meeting of the National Council of the English Section in September by the General Secretary, Miss Ianthe Hoskins, on behalf of the President.

Theosophical Order of Service.—The number of participating countries affiliated to the Adyar Headquarters of the T.O.S. is now thirty. In January the World Campaign for Compassion and Understanding—a Protest against Cruelty, was started. The work of service for those in need has gone steadily on, indicating the concern of members for those less fortunate than themselves. Two pamphlets on healing have been prepared.

International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research.—At the opening session on October 4, 1976, there were 26 registered students. A number of observers and unregistered students attended, making the average attendance at each session about 20. The International President, Mr. John Coats, presided over the inaugural meeting and Miss Joy Mills, International Vice-President and Director of Studies

at the Centre, and Dr. B. R. Mullik also spoke. Courses of study were conducted by Dr. Mullik, Miss Mills and Dr. A. Kannan. A number of students and officers of the Society at Adyar presented papers during the first session. Other sessions continued from January to April, when Professor H. L. Dubbink of Holland was the guest teacher. Then, after a break for the hot summer months, there were further sessions in July and August, when Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Professor Hakim and Mr. Suryanarayan Moorti gave talks on Buddhism, Islam and Self-Realisation respectively.

International Theosophical Youth Centre.—During the International Convention held at Adyar in December 1976 there was a Youth Convention at which many young people discussed their views with members of the General Council.

Several of these ideas were not able to be put into practice for various reasons and largely for lack of office staff at Adyar.

There are ten youth groups now functioning in India and a study camp at Bangalore was held. In Italy members from France, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland and Spain met together in a camp which was near enough to the French-speaking Summer School at Turin for many older members to attend. In Columbia two camps were held at both of which the attendance was good. In Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina camps were held. An international camp was held in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo at which roughly 200 people attended, including visitors from Europe. The Coffee House at Adyar started last year has proved popular with members and has been actively functioning since June.

A new course on public speaking was prepared by Mr. N. Altman and will soon be available.

One of the functions of the ITYC is to act as a clearing house of information.

A quarterly newsletter is sent out to members in India. The Unité group in Europe is very active. They held a number of international gatherings during the year.

World Membership.—It is interesting to note that from the reports we have received there is an overall increase of 145 members. However, it is also of importance to notice that some of the larger sections have decreases, for example, India with 153 and Australia with 58. East and Central Africa records an increase of 334. An interesting item of the Israel Lodge Covenant is that its increase of 13 includes many young soldiers.

Section Reports.—U.S.A.—This year there has been a slight decrease in the membership, although 581 new admissions have been made. All membership records have now been computerised. There are 90 lodges and 64 centres.

During the year many seminars attractive to the public have been held not only at Olcott, the National Headquarters, but around the Section. These included membership training sessions and seminars on healing, but the emphasis this year has been on developing regional projects, resulting in new members and also in the revival of non-active Lodges and Centres.

The camps in the Section form an integral part of the work. Miss Joy Mills, International Vice-President, led workshops at three of these camps, at Ozark, Indralaya and Pumpkin Hollow. Far Horizons Camp held workshops in liaison with Krotona. Mrs. Dora Kunz, National President, held two workshops on healing aimed to attract doctors and nurses. New members resulted from all these camps. The Department of

Education has continued to make new tapes and films suitable for use in universities and colleges. The T.P.H. Wheaton had a 10% increase in sales and is expanding its markets. Miss Joy Mills was guest speaker both at the Annual Convention at Olcott, and at the Summer School at Lake Geneva, in which Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale also participated. Miss Mills also conducted classes for three months at the Krotona School of Theosophy, in California.

England.—Three events deserve special mention. One was the participation in the first 'Festival of Mind and Body' which was an attempt to bring together under one roof a great number of organisations representing 'new thought and alternative living.' The Theosophical Society and the T.P.H., London, had stands at this exhibition and considerable interest was shown by the visiting public. The second event was the visit of the International President, Mr. John Coats, and his participation in the English Summer School, at which a number of members from other countries were present, and in the Annual Convention where he gave a public lecture and lectures to members. The General Secretary of the French Section, M.S. Lancry, delivered the Blavatsky lecture at the Convention entitled 'The Occultism of Ancient Egypt'. The third event was the conferring of the Subba Row Medal on Dr. E. Lester Smith for his outstanding contribution to theosophical literature with his book *Intelligence Came First*.

A number of residential weekends were held at the Theosophical Estate, Tekels Park, Camberley. These were well attended. This year saw the launching of a new venture, the formation of 'Correspondence Circles' consisting of 5-6 unattached members who correspond with each other, sending their letters round the group.

The usefulness of the Tape Library continues to grow but the Lending Library's postal service has decreased owing to the sharp increase in postal charges. The T.P.H., London, had a successful year both in sales and publishing, five new books having been issued.

The membership now stands at 2,145, a decrease of 37.

India.—The total number of members at the close of the year was 9,584, showing a decrease of 153 over the preceding year. There are 354 Lodges and 23 Centres. Study classes, workers' training and study camps have been held in various places. These camps lasted from 3-10 days and were intended for intensive study which in the past has been felt to be lacking.

The International President found time to visit Assam, Calcutta, Bangalore Hyderabad, Madurai and Eluru and also presided over the Annual Conference of the Karnataka Federation. The General Secretary, Mrs. Radha Burnier, presided over the Conferences of the Utkal, Tamil, Gujarat, M. P., Rajasthan and U. P. Federations. Mr. S. Krishnamurthy, Mr. A. Suryanarayan Moorti, and Dr. H. E. Hakim were appointed National Lecturers. Many tours were made by them, the Assistant General Secretary, Dr. C. V. Agarwal, and others. A course of twenty lectures by Dr. B. R. Mullik was arranged at the Centre of Continuing Education at the Poona University. About 23 paying students enrolled. These were appreciative of the presentation.

Col. R. Gopalaratnam, after working full time at Adyar for several years, has now taken charge of the Five Year Plan work at the Section Headquarters. This was originally outlined by Mr. S. Krishnamurthy.

It has been decided to change the name of the Section Journal from *The Theosophical Review* to *The Indian Theo-*

sophist, issuing it once every two months in a more substantial form and hopefully improving the quality as well as the appearance.

The T.O.S. within the Section has expanded its work and given relief to the needy in various ways.

Australia.—The membership now stands at 1273, a decrease of 58 from last year. The Annual Convention, with Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Presidential Agent, Pakistan, as Guest Speaker was held in Adelaide in April. She undertook a tour of the Section, giving seminars and also talks on the Montessori method of education in various colleges and institutes.

Attendance at Lodge meetings has varied depending on alternative attractions. This fall in audience numbers is apparent particularly in cities where not only television but the high cost of train and bus fares with often long distances necessary to reach the Lodge, all tend to keep people at home. Week-end seminars on the other hand, have been fully booked up. Perth Lodge has launched into a new venture by buying a property some 25 miles from the city where it is proposed to build a community hall and meditation centre, chalets and amenities blocks with the object of holding resident seminars and camps there. The libraries, particularly in the large cities, have been attracting the interest of university scholars, and the lodge bookshops are very popular with the public. The Section journal's new format has received general approval. The Section, as a service to members, supplies each lodge with a copy of the *Adyar Newsletter* and also provides on request, tapes, special programmes and copies of radio broadcasts.

Due to rising costs, advertisements regularly placed in newspapers and magazines have nearly all had to be discontinued.

Mr. Will Ross has been re-elected as National Lecturer.

The General Secretary, Mrs. Elaine Murdoch, has been to Adelaide, Canberra, Gosford, Hobart and Melbourne. The Section now owns the three Quest films and recently Mrs. Dora Kunz, National President of the American Section, sent as a gift, a short Quest film dealing largely with some of the camps in the United States.

The Quest Book Agency reports that sales have increased considerably in this year from \$ 23,000 to \$ 37,000. These books are sold to lodge bookshops as well as to trade customers throughout Australia and New Zealand and some further afield.

Sweden.—The membership stands at 218, an increase of three.

The new premises have been functioning well with a bookshop with display windows combined with a lending library and lodge room. Two interviews in a magazine have spread information about Theosophy and the Theosophical Society more widely. There are theosophical groups working in five towns, each with its own programme. A new activity is the production and maintaining of a tape library of lectures and discussions in Swedish as well as in English. Good use has been made of these by lodges and has proved a help in their work. At the annual Convention in June the International President, Mr. Coats, was the guest speaker. The Non-English Publication Fund has granted the section £ 750 to help with the printing of theosophical books in Swedish. *Practical Occultism* by H. P. Blavatsky has been reprinted in Swedish and an abridged version of *The Universal Flame* is being prepared.

The Norwegian-Swedish sectional magazine published quarterly has continued to be sent out.

New Zealand.—The net gain for the year has been 77 with 175 admissions. The membership now stands at 1,467.

The year's activities began with the brief visit of the International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, whose talks attracted visitors from far afield.

The results of the spotlight programme held in places where there are, as yet, no theosophical lodges has been most encouraging. Attendances were excellent with the possibility of the establishment of groups.

During the year the Society has been invited to send speakers to universities, colleges and schools to present Theosophy. Films produced by certain members attracted considerable attention. Two films supplied to Otago University attracted an audience estimated at about 500 and another showing to a health group drew over 100 people.

The Headquarters of the Section was moved to the ground floor of Vasanta House, a large residence adjacent to the old Headquarters. The work areas are now more spacious and there is easy access for vehicles.

The Section magazine, *Theosophy in New Zealand*, has been published regularly throughout the year and continues to command the high respect of its readers world wide. The circulation is in excess of 8,000 copies.

The Netherlands.—The General Secretary reports that the year was full of activity with courses for members to help them in a new presentation of Theosophy, with lectures for the general public and with publishing of books on theosophical subjects.

Also in connection with this a two-year course was started which proved successful. The main work was based on a deep study of *The Secret Doctrine* and meditation techniques.

The membership stands at 962, a decrease of 45. The new General Secretary is Arend Heybroek.

France.—The membership has increased from 1400 to 1467. There are 42 lodges. In May the International President visited and spoke at the Headquarters. The Publishing House, Editions Adyar, has been able to furnish translations of several theosophical classics in French for West Africa and Canada as well as for Europe.

A large number of members attended the Pays Latins Summer School in Turin.

Italy.—The Italian Section reported considerable activity in spite of difficulties. There are 650 members which is an increase of 54. A new group has been formed in Catania and a new study centre in Licignano. The Annual Convention at Castrocara was attended by Mr. John Coats, International President, and Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith, Chairman of the European Federation, with 120 members present. Mr Coats and Mrs. Leslie-Smith also attended the Pays Latins Summer School. C. Jinarājadāsa's *First Principles of Theosophy* and C. W. Leadbeater's *Clairvoyance* were published in Italian.

Mr. Edoardo Bratina was re-elected General Secretary.

Finland.—On his seventh visit, after an interval of five years, the International President returned to the Section as Guest of Honour at the Summer School which attracted no less than 220 participants. The magazine, *Teosofi*, continues to be published ten times a year. *Light on the Path* has been published in Finnish.

The membership of the Section, now standing at 489, shows an increase of 15. The Section celebrated its 70th anniversary in September.

A new lodge has been formed.

Southern Africa.—The total membership is 356, a decrease of 22.

In spite of many problems which have made attendance at the Lodges more difficult, the meetings have continued. The doors of the Lodges are open to all races.

Switzerland.—The number of members has dropped from 231 to 211 as a result of bringing the membership lists up to date and removing those who have lapsed.

Two members from Geneva, with financial help from an anonymous donor, have undertaken the translation and publication of G. Hodson's book, *Brotherhood of Angels and of Men*. A cassette service organised three years ago has been highly successful. The sale of the cassette tapes proved so popular that the Meyer Foundation (a somewhat similar organisation to the Kern Foundation of the American Section), agreed to buy a recorder for rapid reproduction. Thus, in 3 minutes two cassette copies can be made of a lecture lasting one hour. The *Adyar Newsletter* and *Le Lotus Bleu* were reproduced in part in German as well as selections from various national magazines.

Belgium.—No statistics of membership have been received, but it seems that in spite of the illness of the General Secretary, members have rallied round and the usual activities have continued. A special mention should be made of the International Unité Weekend of Young Theosophists at Easter, attended by the Chairman of the European Federation, Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith, at which some 40 participants enjoyed study, yoga exercises and meditation.

Mention must be made of Mme. van der Hecht who has promoted the idea of the World Campaign for Kindness, originally mooted on the occasion of the Centenary Convention at Adyar.

Indonesia.—The membership figures sent show an increase of three, the total number standing at 798. One new Lodge was formed in Java at Banyuwangi. Special mention must be made of the reorganisation of the Youth Section, in accordance with the suggestion given by Mr. John Coats. Previously a separate body from Perwathin, it has become part of Perwathin under the leadership of Dr. Soemarto who has been re-elected Commissioner of the Youth Section of Perwathin.

The Indonesian Society has agreed to host the Pacific Conference in 1978 which will probably be held at Jogjakarta. The selling of theosophical books, especially Quest Books, supplied from Australia, continues slowly but surely.

Austria.—The membership shows an increase of five and is now 244. The Summer School at Pichl was attended by about 80 members from various countries. The Guest of Honour was the President, Mr. John B. S. Coats.

Emphasis has been laid this year on the publishing work. The Adyar-Verlag published a German translation of *Practical Occultism* by H. P. Blavatsky and the first volume of a German edition of *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett* as well as reprints of other theosophical books.

Norway.—The total membership has increased and now stands at 144.

An interesting project has been undertaken at the request of the physician of the State Prison outside Oslo to inform the cultural group of prisoners concerning Theosophy. Two new admissions were made as a result of the interesting discussions. The library is now supplying books to the prisoners. The library has been brought up to date and the stock of books for sale has increased, bringing good results. In the

New Year a campaign was started at Oslo University to bring Theosophy to the attention of the students. This resulted in a university lecture to the Historical Religious Faculty.

Denmark.—The year has been an active one.

The membership now stands at 403, this being an increase of 23. The President, Mr. John Coats, was Guest of Honour at the Summer School held near Copenhagen. The Section Centre in Copenhagen has been sold and suitable premises have been rented for all activities.

Ireland.—There has been an increase of ten bringing the membership up to fifty. A considerable interest has been manifested amongst younger people attending meetings. Visitors from other countries are always made very welcome. Mr. Arnold Marsh, a member for many years and great friend of AE (George Russell), passed away.

Mexico.—Membership stands at 359, an increase of ten.

Canada.—The Section has been registered as a charitable organisation for income tax purposes. A new feature has been introduced in *The Canadian Theosophist* of considering *The Secret Doctrine* in the light of current thought in the fields of religion, philosophy and science. Membership of the Section stood at 280 on September 30th, showing a decrease of thirteen.

The great distances between Lodges in the Section and the high cost of travel have made things more difficult as in many cases the members are very isolated.

Argentina.—The Section finally bought the premise for its work in the city of Mar del Plata and these were officially opened on May 8th.

In August a new General Secretary, Juan Cassibba, was elected. The membership is 879, a decrease of fourteen.

Three representatives were sent to the Congress on 'The Child and Television' at the University of Cordoba in which they participated actively. A National Congress was held at Buenos Aires to consider items discussed at the New York and Adyar Centenary gatherings, with members attending from different parts of the country. At the Annual Convention and Summer School, Mrs. R. Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, was the Guest of Honour. Over 200 members participated. Six Latin American countries were represented and plans for the following year were discussed.

Chile.—There has been an increase of 23 and now the membership stands at 72. Attendances at meetings have been good.

A thorough revision of the National Rules and Regulations is being carried out. A Theosophical Order of Service group has been started. Workshops are being held to train members to teach Theosophy.

Brazil.—The membership shows a decrease of 20 and now stands at 1004. There are 38 active lodges. This Section reports considerable activity and interest among the group of Young Theosophists, at the Raja Centre and the Theosophical Pitagoras Institute, both at Sao Paulo. The Section conducted an advanced course of Theosophy and a School of Wisdom. In February at the Raja Centre a seminar on yoga was held. This was attended by 120 people. The Section is fortunate in having three weekly columns in newspapers in Sao Paulo which stimulates theosophical activities. The General Secretary has been very active in lecturing in several cities around the country. He reports the success of the visit of Mrs. Radha Burnier, who toured the country and gave radio and television interviews. She was the chief guest at the Convention.

A building has been acquired for the lodges in Brasilia and the Section has received a generous donation of a large area of land near Brasilia.

Iceland.—Membership stands at 619, an increase of three. Two summer schools, as well as study groups have been held. Much work has been done in meditation, yoga and psychology. The two magazines maintain contact with the general public and with members. The magazine intended for the public, *Gangleri*, has a wide circulation. At the Annual Convention held in May, Mr. Gudjon B. Baldvinsson retired from the position of General Secretary and his place was taken by Mr. Einar Adalsteinsson.

Portugal.—The membership stands at 291, being an increase of 31. The Section suffered the great loss of Prof. Delio Nobre Santos who, for many years, was the General Secretary. The work has continued well and there have been good attendances. There have been activities by the young people including one week of reflection held in the summer holidays in a beautiful place near the sea. The General Secretary, Dr. Maria Nobre Santos, participated in the International Week at Huizen and the English Summer School.

Wales.—There has been an increase of three and the membership now stands at 92. There has been a poor result from advertising. The President of Anglesey Lodge has undertaken a unique project—to teach his members to climb mountains, a new way of forging strong links between the members, quite apart from those of their formal lodge work.

Uruguay.—Membership stands at 180 a decrease of ten. The new By-Laws have been revised and now await approval by the Government. Mr. Justo V. de la Vega was re-elected as General Secretary. The Section keeps close and active contact with the Inter-American

Theosophical Federation. Mention can also be made of the many public meetings which were held to study books such as *Music Forms* by G. Hodson, *Mind and Consciousness* by Dr. Taimni and *The Secret Doctrine* of H. P. Blavatsky.

Puerto Rico.—Membership stands at 90, an increase of twelve.

Yugoslavia.—Membership has increased by one and now stands at 101. There are four lodges. The General Secretary visited all Lodges during the year. She also held a seminar for German members of an institute in Frankfurt holidaying in Yugoslavia, and spoke at the International Week at Huizen. At the Summer School held from July 17-24 the International President participated and blessed the gathering by singing the 'Gayatri.' He gave talks every day which were translated by the Secretary, Mr. Emilio Trampuz.

Greece.—The number of registered members is 252, an increase of fifteen. Although this is a small Section, it continues to publish its magazine for the 22nd year and has 3,300 subscribers. The International President visited the Section. This Section always welcomes visitors to their country most warmly.

Central America.—The membership is 207, an increase of one. This Section consists of six different countries and although there have been difficulties in some Lodges, the work has gone on.

Philippines.—There has been an increase of twenty and now the membership stands at 317. The National Library has added 300 new volumes to its shelves and the circulation has greatly increased. Borrowers include students from schools and colleges. The sale of theosophical books has also continued to increase. An important event was the organisation of a successful tea musicale by the internationally known artiste, Dr. Gilopez Kabayao, to raise funds for the renovation

of the Section Headquarters. Another important event was the long delayed visit of Mrs. Gool Minwalla who undertook an exhausting but rewarding tour lecturing and giving interviews—one a T.V. interview. The General Secretary also toured many of the Lodges. It is interesting to notice that in this Section other organisations have invited theosophical lecturers to speak in their groups. At the Headquarters, programmes have been built around a different theme each month. An intensive study week was held on 'An Introduction to the Ancient Wisdom.'

Colombia.—This Section began a more intensified activity in the field of study for members. Several small study groups were organised. Leaflets like 'Do we know how to live?' and 'About Death' were distributed to the public. In Bogota, the Society is co-ordinating theosophical work in a form suitable for children. Two Young Theosophist camps were held, at both of which the attendance was encouraging. No membership figures have been sent. Mrs. Radha Burnier also visited Colombia.

East and Central Africa.—The intake of new members was the highest for years, being 333. The total membership stands at 1331. Unfortunately, of the new admissions, only 31 are African. The Annual Convention which had as Guest Speakers Mr. Rohit Mehta and his wife, Shridevi, was attended by some 300 members. After Convention the Guest Speakers undertook a 3½ months tour of all the Lodges in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia. Both have been very popular with their presentation of Theosophy from a scientific point of view which appealed most to the younger generation of all races and in particular, to the inquiring mind of the Africans.

An important decision was taken at Convention to sponsor a member to

visit Adyar to study Theosophy for six months, who on return would work fully for the Society. As a result, Mr. Reuben Thuku and his wife left in September for Adyar, where they have been participating in the International Centre of Theosophical Studies. The Section reports that though members and sympathisers have donated generously towards their expenses in India and the Headquarters has helped in meeting their boarding and lodging expenses while at Adyar they will still need a considerable monetary help in order to cope with their maintenance expenses. The General Secretary also toured many of the Lodges and he reports that at each Public Lecture and at Lodge meetings, the literature is displayed for sale.

Pakistan.—This year has been one of turmoil, difficulty and uncertainty throughout the country and this has necessarily reflected on the work of Lodges. The membership is, as far as can be estimated, only 172.

The largest and most active Lodge is Karachi Lodge which reports splendid work during the year, and, in spite of disturbances, lectures, study groups and members' meetings have continued to be held. The Library has added a number of theosophical publications to the existing 12,000 books. With the help of the Non-English Publications Fund, the Society has been able to complete the Urdu translation of H. P. B.'s fine classic, *The Key to Theosophy* as abridged by Miss Joy Mills. It is also hoped during the year to undertake a reprint of the Urdu translated lecture of Dr. Besant on Islam.

The Presidential Agent, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, made an extensive tour of Australia and spent a week in the Philippines earlier in the year.

Northern Ireland.—The membership stands at 42, an increase of four. The

work of the Belfast Lodge is necessarily handicapped by the unsettled political situation, but in spite of this the lodge meetings and the annual convention were held as usual. The lectures given during the year cover a wide variety of subjects.

West Africa.—No overall figures have been sent. The Organising Secretary reports that the chief difficulty in Nigeria is that the membership consists of isolated members scattered around the country but not organised into lodges. Work is much easier in Ghana because of its smaller size. There are more members in Nigeria than in Ghana, but Nigeria is a much vaster country than Ghana.

Canadian Federation.—Dr. C. T. Phan was elected as Secretary of the Federation when Mrs. I. F. Stephen retired from the position in September. The new Federation Secretary has been able to make contact with nearly all the lodges in Canada.

European Federation.—The Chairman of the Federation, Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith, points out in her report that the object of a Federation is to draw all European Sections together and to encourage an intercourse of thought and understanding among members of varying outlook and circumstances. The Federation officials are reviewing their usefulness to the Sections and how they can increase it. However, the very fact of recognising and facing problems indicates a willingness to work for their solutions and for a successful future of the Society.

Lodge Attached Direct to Adyar:

Peru.—The *Paz y Amor Lodge* has at present 13 members who meet twice a month. In the *H. P. B. Lodge* many classes for beginners and advanced students have been held. The Library was opened to the public on two afternoons and this has proved popular.

After a period of difficulty, the work has now reached a stage where it can progress peacefully and successfully.

Israel.—Covenant Lodge: The Covenant Lodge has 42 members, an increase of 13 many of whom are young soldiers. There were three visitors during the year: Mrs. Etelka Laban came from Adyar on her way back to Europe, Mrs. Anna Lemkov from New York Lodge stayed five months in Israel and lastly, the International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, came on her way back to Adyar from the United States. She spoke to an audience of about 50.

Morya Lodge, formerly Lotus Lodge, now has 12 members, an increase of four. Miss Mills visited this Lodge, which meets in Haifa in a member's house. They welcome visitors and request gifts of books to build up their library.

B'sorat Hagalil was not active during this year. It was decided to work together with Morya Lodge.

Harmony Lodge reports the pleasure of members with the visit of Miss Mills during her short stay in Israel. The President of the Lodge has been invited to speak in the various settlements and was interviewed regarding his astrological forecasts.

Singapore.—The Lodge had a crisis on its hands in February when it received notice to quit its premises. Fortunately there has been a compromise with the landlord and it now occupies the first floor only of the building. Also, Mr. T. Gulabrai, President of the Lodge died suddenly, but the Vice-President, Mr. Tan Siow Hee, stepped in and the work continued as before. The membership now stands at 41.

Japan—Nippon Lodge.—no statistics have been received. The members meet monthly for study and some members have undertaken the very necessary work of translating some theosophical books, including *When Daylight Comes* by Howard Murphet. The Lodge has received a much appreciated gift of 139 slides of paintings by Nicolas Roerich, given by an Australian member, Mr. Michael Breen.

Bangladesh.—Comilla Lodge was inaugurated in 1889 and is therefore one of the oldest Lodges in the Society. A grant sanctioned by the President of Bangladesh and other donations have been used to carry out urgent repairs to the Lodge building. The Lodge is in urgent need of books to build up its library, lost when the building was illegally occupied by a political party.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

INTRODUCTORY: It would not be realistic to compare the working results of the period under review—1st April 1976 to 31st March 1977—with the results of the previous year, which was the Centenary year of the Society.

Stricter control of expenditure and regular review of the financial position in comparison with the years prior to the Centenary by the Finance Committee have resulted in substantial reduction of deficits in some of the Departments. This trend is expected to be maintained and extended to all Departments in the future.

The net deficit for the period amounted to Rs. 285,177, as compared with an anticipated deficit of Rs. 300,571 according to the revised budget for the year and the actual deficits of Rs. 699,153 of the Centenary year and Rs. 223,857 of the year 1974-75.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

A. INCOME:

Interest from investments during the year amounted to Rs. 337,782 against Rs. 326,513 of 1975-76 and Rs. 409,867 of 1974-75. Utmost economy will be needed to build up the investments to the pre-Centenary level.

The income on account of 'Quarters Maintenance', shown as Rs. 62,613, does not include such income from Bhojanasala, amounting to Rs. 19,365, and Leadbeater Chambers, Rs. 24,298. These have been credited to the respective Departments.

B. EXPENDITURE:

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:

Departmental results for the year showed a decrease in the total net deficit by Rs. 226,532 as compared with the Centenary year and by Rs. 98,632 when compared with the deficit for 1974-75. The actual deficit of the Departments was Rs. 104,317 as against an anticipated deficit of Rs. 151,871 in the revised Budget.

The deficits of the following Departments have shown a decline:

	1974-75	1975-76 (Centenary)	1976-77
Adyar Library	83,957	112,031	55,667
Leadbeater Chambers	27,360	82,183	5,392
Maintenance Department	84,776	73,072	66,223

The Garden Department's deficit was less by Rs. 34,932 as compared with the Centenary year, but more by Rs. 3,981 when compared with 1974-75.

The small surplus of Rs. 4,485 in the Consumer Stores, together with the surplus of Rs. 2,114 of the Centenary year, will be utilized for stabilising prices when there is any sudden increase in the market prices of the commodities.

1. **Adyar Library:** The sale of publications during the year went up by Rs. 13,665 as compared with the Centenary year. The deficit under 'publications' for the year was Rs. 1,833 as against Rs. 14,780 of 1975-76 and Rs. 1,969 of 1974-75. General donations received during the year amounted to Rs. 22,708, including the sum of Rs. 10,000 allocated by the President from Adyar Day collections. Materials for lamination, valued at Rs. 16,263, were received as gifts from abroad.

2. **Bhojanasala:** The expenditure under boarding, namely, on provisions, milk, vegetables, etc., recorded a significant fall, of Rs. 24,404, in comparison with the Centenary year and an increase of Rs. 3,596 as compared with 1974-75. The boarding income, on the other hand, was short only by Rs. 930 as compared with the Centenary year and more by Rs. 11,283 when compared with 1974-75. Taking the income from lodging namely Rs. 19,365, into account, the net result for the year was a surplus of Rs. 372 as against a deficit of Rs. 45,663 in the Centenary year and Rs. 22,045 in the year previous to it.

3. **Garden Department:** The net receipts under Cultivation Account for the year stood at Rs. 41,490 as against Rs. 12,019 of 1975-76 and 39,581 in 1974-75 mainly due to increase in the receipts from cocoanuts of Rs. 23,505, cashewnuts Rs. 2,681 and mangoes Rs. 3,191 during the year. The expenditure under 'Ornaments' showed an increase of Rs. 7,595 and Rs. 1,079 as compared with 1975-76 and 1974-75 respectively. The net deficit for the year amounted to Rs. 44,629 against Rs. 79,561 of the Centenary year and Rs. 40,648 of the year previous.

A sum of Rs. 8,605 was spent on a Cashewnut Development Scheme during the year.

4. **Laundry Department:** The deficit of the Laundry Department continued to

increase year by year, being Rs. 8,523, Rs. 8,750 and Rs. 8,975 for the years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 respectively. The Department has been closed down as from 31st March 1977, the laundering work being run on contract as from 1st April 1977.

5. **Leadbeater Chambers:** The deficit of Leadbeater Chambers for the year was only Rs. 5,392 as compared with Rs. 82,183 of the Centenary year and Rs. 37,360 of the year previous to it. This large decrease in the deficit was partly due to the revised procedure by which income for lodging, amounting to Rs. 24,298, is credited to the Chambers account instead of to general accounts as 'Quarters Maintenance'. There was also considerable decrease in expenditure on provisions, vegetables, milk, etc., this item being less by Rs. 29,808 as compared with the previous year. The decrease was not reflected in the income under boarding, except to the extent of Rs. 1,489. There was also a fall in 'Salaries and Wages' by Rs. 6,853.

6. **Maintenance Department:** The expenditure under 'Generator and Electrical Maintenance' for the year showed a fall of Rs. 18,674 and there was a decrease of Rs. 13,355 under 'Salaries and Wages'. However, the electrical charges recorded an increase of Rs. 18,797 partly owing to the penalty charged by the Madras Electricity System for exceeding the quota allotted to the Society. Efforts are being made to obtain a refund of the penalty charged and paid. There was a fall of Rs. 6,849 in the net deficit of the Department as compared with the previous year and Rs. 18,554 as compared with 1974-75.

7. **Theosophical Publishing House:** The surplus for the year was more by Rs. 3,679 as compared with the Centenary year and Rs. 7,225 when compared with 1974-75. Royalty receipts during the

year showed an increase of Rs. 17,470. Royalty payments for the year increased by Rs. 5,433 and establishment expenses by Rs. 4,200. Allocations of Rs. 5,000 each have been made to 'H. P. Blavatsky Publications Reserve' and 'Publications Reserve (Special)'.

The deficit under 'The Theosophist' account amounted to Rs. 17,252 as against Rs. 61,850 during the Centenary year and Rs. 6,585 during 1974-75.

8. **Vasanta Press:** There was no significant change in the gross income in the 'Production Account' for the year, which stood at Rs. 210,004 as against the previous year's Rs. 208,328. The net surplus of the Press for the year amounted to Rs. 2,242 in comparison with the previous year's surplus of Rs. 2,523.

GENERAL: Salaries and Wages of the following Departments, namely International Offices, Estate Management, Headquarters Department, Movable Properties Department and Information Department, shown till last year under the general head of 'Salaries and Wages' have now been charged to the respective Departments during the year as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The expenditure of Rs. 41,333 on International Offices includes an adjustment of Rs. 28,798 recovered towards administrative charges.

The wages paid to watchmen doing boundary duty, previously shown as 'Boundary Expenses', is now charged to the Security Department as per the decisions of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee. This amounted to Rs. 25,200 during the year.

The loss of Rs. 7,036 incurred on the sale of the Korestat Copier during the

year was shown as expenditure and the amount realised on sale of dead casaurina trees, amounting to Rs. 34,094, has been shown as income.

BALANCE SHEET:

1. A.B.C. Fund:

There was a small increase of Rs. 18,568 during the year and the balance at the end of the year was Rs. 2,185,925 as against the previous year's balance of Rs. 2,167,357.

2. Exchange Equalisation Fund:

A sum of Rs. 24,379 was adjusted during the year covering the pound sterling securities held by us at the present rate of exchange, after the devaluation of the pound, and the current balance amounts to Rs. 158,614.

3. General Fund:

Shares valued at Rs. 106,660 were received as donations during the year, which were credited to this Fund. The other main donations included Rs. 53,298 transferred by the New Zealand Section on the closing of their Century Fund. A sum of Rs. 50,000 was allocated to General Fund by the President from Adyar Day Collections. Including other small sums received, the total donations credited to this Fund during the year amounted to Rs. 217,562, besides 'Fees and Dues' receipts of Rs. 113,196 and Bequests of Rs. 24,469.

The General Fund stood at Rs. 4,700,167 at the close of the year as against Rs. 4,582,559 at the close of the previous year.

ADYAR
17th October 1977.

C.R.N. SWAMY,
Hony. Treasurer.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, FEDERATION
SECRETARIES, PRESIDENTIAL
AGENTS, ETC.

These reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
International Secretary.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The American Section had a slight decrease in its membership, but 581 new members joined the Society. All members, records are now computerized, which is the big change in record-keeping at Headquarters this year. We have ninety branches and sixty-four study centres.

During the year we had many seminars at Olcott, the Section Headquarters, well attended by people of the Chicago area as well as across the country. Besides membership training sessions, one being on "Space," we had seminars open to the public—one on energy fields with Dr. Karagulla and Dolores Krieger, and another unique seminar on "The Healing Arts of the American Indian" with Oh Shinnah Fast Wolf. Gina Cerminara and Dane Rudhyar gave some outstanding seminars and Dora Kunz spoke to many federations all over the country and had excellent audiences.

The emphasis this year is concentrating on developing regional projects. The first regional project started in the Northwest and concluded its first year. With the financial aid of the National Headquarters and the Kern Foundation, the work of many branches and study centres was brought together and lectures, classes, and publicity were coordinated by one person, the regional co-ordinator. The results were that many new members joined the Society and many centres and branches were rejuvenated. Also, a renewed enthusiasm was engendered. As a result of the success of this project in the Northwest other regional centres are being developed in different parts of the country, and this will be the emphasis of the work in the American Section during the coming year.

The four camps in the U.S. are an integral part of the theosophical work.

Far Horizons in the Sierras had theosophical workshops in liaison with the Krotona Institute. Miss Joy Mills led workshops on *Light on the Path* in the camps at Indralaya in the Northwest and in Pumpkin Hollow in the Northeast. All these workshops were much appreciated.

Dora Kunz held two workshops in healing, one in the Northwest and another in the Northeast. The last one was specifically aimed toward doctors and nurses. During each of these workshops, many joined the Society. All sessions at the camps were well attended.

The Department of Education is continuing to make new tapes and films available, and Jerry Rosser was in charge of the new experimental programme of the Quest Radio Tape Series. These are tapes on Theosophy specifically aimed at college radio station. This series has been aired on many university campuses and has been most successful.

The Theosophical Publishing House has an increase of 10% in sales and has been expanding its market to public places such as airports.

The Annual Convention was held at Olcott with Miss Joy Mills as our guest of honour. The Summer School was again at beautiful Lake Geneva with both Miss Joy Mills and Mrs. Rukmini Arundale participating. The theme was "The Theosophical Universe: Exploring the World of Order and Meaning" and many people participated and gave us an overview of the many aspects of theosophy. Bing Escudero has been appointed our national lecturer for the Section and is travelling all over the country holding workshops and seminars.

DORA KUNZ,
General Secretary.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ENGLAND

The general pattern of work during the year under review remains basically the same as in previous years. There have, however, been three events deserving of special note, namely, our participation in the first "Festival for Mind and Body," the visit of the International President, and the award of the Subba Row Medal to Dr. E. Lester Smith.

Both at the National Headquarters and in the Federations, the usual activities have been maintained, although we observe that both lodge and open meetings have small attendances and it is increasingly difficult to attract the public to lectures. Among the contributory factors in this decline we have to recognize the continuing steep increases in travel costs, the effective rivalry of television, fear of being out alone in the late evening, and the number of alternative organizations catering for the interest in psychism, popular "occultism," yoga, meditation and so on. However, one-day Seminars at the Headquarters continue to prove very attractive and on most occasions have been fully booked. The themes of these events have included "An Introduction to the Study of Yoga", "The Crucible of Christianity" and "Meditation".

In April, there was staged in London an original venture under the title "The Festival for Mind and Body," a very successful first attempt to bring together under one roof (the Olympia Exhibition Halls) a great number of organizations representing "new thought" and "alternative living". Both The Theosophical Society and The Theosophical Bookshop took stands at the exhibition and reported much interest by visiting public and good sales of books.

The national arrangements for the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II caused the

postponement of the Spring Bank Holiday from May to June, and consequently the annual Convention also was held later than usual. Under the general theme of "Ascending towards Theosophy," the occasion was marked by several noteworthy features: the presence of the International President, who addressed the members and gave a public lecture; the visit of the General Secretary of the French Section, M. Salomon Lancry, who delivered the Blavatsky Lecture, "The Occultism of Ancient Egypt," and the announcement of the award of the Subba Row medal to Dr. E. Lester Smith for his important contribution to theosophical literature in the preparation of *Intelligence Came First*. At the opening of the Convention, a message of congratulation was sent to the Queen and we received a gracious acknowledgement from Buckingham Palace.

The Summer School at High Leigh, under the theme "Put on Thy Jumping Shoes," again welcomed the International President, as well as a good contingent of members from other countries. The week was blessed with perfect weather, which allowed pleasant relaxation in the afternoons and country dancing and "gentle yoga" in the open air.

During the year, a number of residential weekends at Tekels Park were arranged, some organized by Federations and others by the Headquarters, as well as the annual May event under the auspices of the Theosophical Research Centre whose theme this year was "Frontiers of the Unexplained".

Subjects of the other weekends included "Body and Mind", "Introduction to the Philosophy and Psychology of Raja Yoga", "Exploring Theosophical Literature" and "An Exploration of the Reincarnation Idea".

This year saw the launching of a new venture which, although involving only a small number of members, seems to be welcomed. It is the formation of "Correspondence Circles," groups of five or six unattached members who correspond with each other, their letters making the round of the group. Four or five of such groups are at present in operation.

Although the Lending Library's postal service has dwindled considerably because of postal charges, the usefulness of the Tape Library continues to grow, especially as a large number of recorded talks are now available on cassettes. The service is much used both by lodges and by unattached members.

In recognition of the Centenary of the publication of *Isis Unveiled*, each issue

of *The Theosophical Journal* during 1977 has carried a special article about H.P.B.'s first major work, with a number of extracts and commentary. The *Journal* has also carried two other regular features, one addressed primarily to newer members and one for students.

The Theosophical Bookshop has had a successful year, both in sales and publishing. Five titles have been produced: *Legends of the Sufis*, *An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology*, *Regents of the Seven Spheres*, *What of Tomorrow?* and *The Gheranda Samhita*.

In an overall view, one can say that "the work goes on," the real shortage being in workers.

IAN THE H. HOSKINS,
General Secretary.

INDIA

In spite of the fact that most of the Federations have reported study classes in a number of Lodges, a lack of depth is noticeable in our work and our approach to the problems which have to be encountered around us. The Federations as well as the Section suffer from a scarcity of articles thoughtful enough to enhance the value of the different journals. There is a constant dearth of field workers at different levels. Study, in the real sense of the word, is lacking—a study which acts as a leaven to thinking and living and translates itself into appropriate action.

Several of the Federations, being aware of the lacuna, have been organizing study camps of shorter or longer duration. In October 1977, a ten-day study camp to study the *Madhyamaka Sastra* of Nagarjuna was organized at the Section Headquarters. The Venerable Samadhong Rinpoche, a member of the Society and

a deeply religious instructor who was brought up in a Tibetan monastery from the age of two, directed the camp which was rather intensive, having four sessions a day. The campers who came from nine Federations all felt an atmosphere charged with serenity, simplicity and a feeling of reverence.

Smt. Seetha Neelakantan gave a new direction to the Workers' Training Camp at Bhowali held in June, the subject for study being "Visions of Theosophy". A similar camp held at Adyar in May was directed by Bro. A. Suryanarayan Moorti. The South Indian Theosophical Conference held at Adyar was inaugurated by Bro. John Coats, the International President. A regional study and training seminar was held at Kutralam in the Tamil Federation. It was directed by Bro. S. Krishnamurthy assisted by Sis. Rukmini Krishnamurthy.

Besides study and training camps organized by the Section, a number of camps and conferences were organized by the Federations. In the Karnataka Federation, three camps, each of one week duration, besides a three-day camp, were held. A Jnana-Yagnam of one-week duration has become a regular feature at Tapeswaram. A three-day training camp was also held at Kakinada. Bihar Federation organized a one-week training camp at Chapra. Gujarat Federation held a study camp and three District Conferences. Three short-duration camps were held in Kerala. There was a five day study camp at Panna, M.P.

The Karnataka Federation takes the lead in vernacular publications. It reprinted translations of *At the Feet of the Master*, *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, Vol. I, and *Bharat Samaj Puja* in addition to publishing translations of *A Study in Consciousness*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Devachanic Plane*, *The Path of Discipleship* and *A Study in Karma*. The Gujarat Federation published *Manushya Mathi Mahatma* in Gujarati. Seven pamphlets in English compiled by Bro. B. G. Mehta were brought out by the Ahmedabad Lodge. *Punarjanma* was published in Oriya, besides reprints of *Sri Gurucharane* and *Brahmavidya*. Bihar Federation published *100 Years of the Theosophical Society and Theosophy*. Anantha Lodge, Kerala, published *Death and After* and *Reincarnation*, while Sharada Lodge, M.P. published a book in Hindi on *H. P. Blavatsky: An Outline of her Life*.

In spite of his busy schedule, Mr. John Coats, the International President, was able to spare time to visit Assam, Calcutta, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Madurai and Eluru, besides presiding over the Annual Conference of the Karnataka Federation.

I presided over the annual conferences of the Utkal, Tamil, Gujarat, M.P. and Rajasthan, and U.P. Federations. Such

conferences gave me opportunities of meeting and having discussions with members and workers coming from a number of lodges. I was also able to visit some lodges in various Federations. During April and May I was abroad giving lectures in several Sections, particularly in South and Central America.

Bros. S. Krishnamurthy, A. Suryanarayan Moorti and H. E. Hakim were appointed National Lecturers. Bro. Krishnamurthy was on tour for 210 days during the year 1976-77. He visited nine Federations, namely, Tamil, Karnataka, Marathi, Bombay, Gujarat, Delhi, U.P., Bihar, M.P. and Rajasthan, covering 96 Lodges. He delivered 262 lectures and conducted 15 seminars. Several of the seminars were of one-week duration while others were for shorter periods. He made it a point to lecture at as many educational institutions as possible, besides lecturing at other social, cultural and religious organizations. Smt. Rukmini Krishnamurthy accompanied him to a number of places and delivered about 50 lectures. Bro. Krishnamurthy presided over the Annual Session of the Marathi Federation and also broadcast a talk over the radio. He suggests that the Federations should organize follow-up work after the visit of the National Lecturers.

Bro. A. Suryanarayan Moorti lectured at several places in Telugu and Rayalseema Federations besides giving talks at Adyar. He conducted a three-day study camp at Kakinada and gave a series of eleven lectures on "Comparative Study of the Pathway to Spiritual Reality" at the Poona University. Dr. B. R. Mullik also gave lectures in the series.

A special reference may be made here to this course of twenty lectures which was arranged at the Centre of Continuing Education of the Poona University by Bro. Raghunath Bhadbhade who was instrumental in organizing it and seeing

it to a very successful conclusion. The participants who were enrolled comprised a number of educated persons and some young men interested in the subject. Twenty-three paying students attended the course and were appreciative of the presentation.

Prof. H. E. Hakim's tour covered Rayalaseema, Bombay, Gujarat, M.P. and Rajasthan Federations. He lectured at about twenty lodges. Dr. B. R. Mullik was able to visit a few lodges in the South and preside over the Telugu Federation Annual Conference held in October 1977.

Dr. C. V. Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, made a six weeks' tour of the Federations in the South. He made an extensive tour in the Kerala Federation, and also visited lodges in the Tamil and Karnataka Federations besides some other lodges. During the year he lectured at thirty lodges, mostly giving illustrated talks with slides. He presided over the Kerala Federation Annual Conference and also conducted a short camp based on Dr. Taimni's book *Pratyabhijñā Hridayam (The Secret of Self-Realization)* at Alleppey.

Sri R. P. Agarwala of Varanasi was entrusted with lecturing in Hindi-speaking Federations, paying particular attention to the lodges not functioning very satisfactorily. He was on tour for 137 days during the year and visited thirty-two lodges in Bihar, U.P., Delhi and M.P. and Rajasthan Federations. He gave over one hundred lectures and conducted two five-day camps and one of shorter duration.

Miss R. Padmini undertook an extensive tour of the Kerala Federation. She also lectured at several places in the Utkal, Telugu and Bihar Federations. Besides presiding over the Annual Conference of the Bihar Federation, she visited about twenty lodges in the Section.

Sri R. Gopalaratnam and Smt. Parvati Gopalaratnam visited six lodges in Bihar.

It is not possible to mention here all the lecturers and field workers, although their contributions to the work are no less important than those who are mentioned. It is these lecturers and workers—the "unknown soldiers"—who often provide the foundation on which the work of the Section rests.

Among the members who passed away during the year were some whose fidelity and service left a mark. Bro. Balwant G. Khaparde was a member for 70 years and contributed much to the work in Maharashtra. Bro. Surya Narayan Agarwal left us after a record of steady and devoted service extending over 65 years. Bro. Dina Nath Dhar who joined in 1916, was well known for social and educational work. Until a few weeks before his passing away he was actively planning a study camp in Srinagar. Bro. Thakazhi N. N. Elayathu was a devoted member, who had been secretary and also president of the Kerala Federation. He was also a member of the Indian Section Council. Bro. A. K. Bawa, who had also been a member for over six decades, and Bro. Manilal Bodaji were staunch members of the Bombay Federation. Bro. V. Subramanyam (1921) of Triplicane was a familiar figure in Madras. Lt. Col. C. L. Vasudeva, who was recently an enthusiastic secretary of the Delhi Federation, passed away while still comparatively young. Bro. P. Venkata Ramana Rao (1925) was a devoted member and had recently moved to the Section Headquarters to take up work. Bro. M. D. Dapurkar, former worker at Headquarters, also passed on. Bro. Kamal Dev Narayan was a staunch member of the Bihar Federation who brought out several pamphlets in Hindi.

There are two marked tendencies observable in the process of enrolling members. There are those who hold back even from throwing out a hint about

membership with the result that sometimes even a genuine seeker turns away thinking it to be an exclusive or expensive organization not meant for the common man. At the other extreme are those who make a membership drive, with the result that people become members without having any idea of what the Society stands for. After enrolling members, further enthusiasm is not shown in explaining to the newcomers the nature of the work of the Society and the value of its literature. Such members hardly participate in the work and very soon tend to drop out. It is necessary to steer clear of both these extremes and adopt the golden mean.

The result of "membership drives" that started in some parts of the Section, perhaps due to the facility of railway concessions, and also owing to the enthusiasm created by the Centenary, is reflected in a membership drop. Out of about 1300 members dropped, more than 500 did not pay dues for even one year after becoming members. Statistics show that most of the members dropping out are those who have paid the annual dues only once or twice. We should seriously consider the motivation for joining the Society and also how to help effectively the new member in his aspirations and search. In many lodges the general complaint is that nobody speaks to or takes any notice of the newcomer. People are engrossed in conversations with their old friends and the newcomer feels left out because of lack of warmth and friendship. A serious effort needs to be made to create personal contacts with new members and to extend a welcome and helpful relation to them.

The total number of members at the close of the year was 9584, showing a decrease of 153 as compared to the number at the end of last year. The number of lodges was 470 out of which 91 had

less than seven members. The centres were 24 in number.

The Reserve Fund increased by Rs. 16,700, the main contribution being the bequest of Rs. 10,000 from Bro. N. S. Marathe. Justice R. K. Chowdhry and Sri H. R. Narula have created funds of Rs. 5000 each. An anonymous donation of over Rs. 20,000 was received for renovating and improving the buildings at the Indian Section Headquarters. The balance of the Centenary Fund has been transferred to funds earmarked for the extension of the Section Library. Members who visit Varanasi will be glad to see the improvement in the library facilities at the Headquarters. The Jamshed Nasserwanji Mehta Fund and Dr. C. V. Agarwal Fund were augmented by Rs. 8,000 and Rs. 6,000 respectively. A much needed increase in the salaries of the servants has been provided for in the budget.

Bro. Hanumantha Rao of the Telugu Federation is a valuable new member on the staff at Headquarters. He has painstakingly reorganized the mailing lists for *The Theosophical Review*. It has been decided to change the name of the Section journal to *The Indian Theosophist* and to bring it out once in two months in a more substantial form. It is hoped that thereby it will be possible to improve the quality as well as the appearance of the journal.

During the year the Theosophical Order of Service expanded its field of work in almost all the regions spread over the Section by arranging relief to the needy in various ways which is in consonance with the motto "A union of all who love in the service of all that suffers". Madhusudan Prasad, the National Director visited some of the regions to organize T.O.S. work. The T.O.S. had two Patron Members, 49 Life Members and 453 Ordinary Members on its roll. In

Karnataka, the Regional Secretary, Dr. B. S. Venkataramana Setty, organized relief for physically handicapped persons through the supply of artificial limbs and other appliances and also provided blankets to blind and orphan students. A book-bank has been started for the benefit of poor students. The Varanasi T.O.S. group distributed fruits to the patients of the Ramakrishna Mission Seva Ashram Hospital. In Madras several hundred clothes are given free to poor children every year. The Bombay group also works to help children. The report of the T.O.S. makes available the details of the services rendered in the different regions. I personally feel that this practical aspect of theosophical work is one to which no member of the Society should be indifferent, especially in a country where poverty, inequality and disabilities are rampant. Everyone can and should offer his sympathy and moral support, if not at least a small portion of his means, time or energy.

The Principals of the Besant Theo-

sophical School and of the Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya retired this year. Sri Ramesh Chandra Mishra has been appointed as the Principal of the Besant Theosophical School, and we trust that the school will enter a new era of useful service in spite of the many handicaps imposed by governmental control and rules, which make it far more difficult now to provide a theosophical content to educational work than it was when the schools were started.

In closing, I am glad to say that the Five-Year Plan which was outlined by Bro. S. Krishnamurthy, is taking shape. Col. R. Gopalaratnam who, after his retirement, gave his full-time service to the work at Adyar, has now taken over charge of the Five-Year Plan work at the Section Headquarters. I am sure that his able guidance and capacity for organization and hard work will result in a new impetus to the work at all levels.

RADHA BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

Compared to the previous year, the one which began in October 1976 has been a quiet one.

Annual Convention.—Our Annual Convention took place in the Adelaide Hills at the Rymill Conference Centre, Woodhouse, Stirling East, South Australia (7th-14th April, 1977). The theme was "The New Awareness" and throughout the convention, various speakers and workshops sought to explore that unitive consciousness which makes all things new and gives validity to our first object. Many members commented that the convention was a welcome departure from the old format and, as one put it,

"reflected changing trends in modern society." Largely this was because the workshops were structured in such a way that members felt they were actively participating instead of passively listening.

The Theosophical Order of Service followed the same pattern by dividing into various workshops which looked at the new awareness in relation to its seven departments of service.

Once again, we were happy to welcome Mrs. Gool Minwalla as our Guest Speaker. She contributed two talks on The New Awareness, together with two workshops on education and the work of Dr. Montessori. Other speakers included

Mr. Will Ross (National Lecturer) and Drs. Victor Gostin and Hugh Murdoch.

After the solid day sessions, members were content to relax and enjoy the evening entertainments, ranging from the more serious Roerich programme to the Pakistani Bazaar, the hilarious impromptu fund-raising and the campfire. Under recreation must also come the day's outing in the Hills, provided by Adelaide Lodge.

Tour by Mrs. Minwalla.—Mrs. Gool Minwalla's tour of the Section was an outstanding success, showing her to be one of the Society's most popular visiting speakers. She visited all the lodges and groups and in most places was rushed off her feet with theosophical talks, Montessori lectures and seminars given for universities, colleges of advanced education and education groups and interviews on radio and television and with the press. Throughout, she remained a most able ambassador for Theosophy.

National Lecturer.—After his re-appointment as National Lecturer, Mr. Will Ross continued his tours of the Section, giving seminars for Blavatsky Lodge (Buddhism) and Brisbane Lodge (The Trend from Materialistic to Humanistic Thinking) and visiting lodges and groups in Albury, Cairns, Canberra, Gosford, Launceston and Toowoomba.

General Secretary's Visit.—Following the policy of endeavouring to visit all lodges at least once every two years, I have been to Adelaide, Canberra, Gosford, Hobart and Melbourne during the current financial year and in October will be going to Queensland.

The Magazine.—Judging by the congratulatory letters we have received and are still receiving, *Theosophy in Australia* appears to be one of our most successful ventures. Since we began using offset printing, which allows freer use of illustrations at no extra cost, we have continued

experimenting and will continue to do so as we become more accustomed to its advantages. The cover symbol used on the last two issues has attracted much favourable comment and we are obliged to Steven Vanags for the design which is a free use of the emblem suggesting movement and the free flow of theosophical ideas.

We have continued the practice of using local contributors, except where an article from an overseas theosophical journal warrants inclusion. We have also tried to include in each issue an article on some worthy cause such as Project Jonah and the Aboriginal Medical Centre. These are aspects of the Theosophical Order of Service work and inevitably draw a good response in donations.

Unfortunately, the cost of printing is still climbing so we must continue to publish the magazine quarterly. This is doubly unfortunate because the new format has meant more people are willing to contribute.

Lodges.—The overall picture indicates that attendances at smaller lodges, where there is a strong family feeling, either remain steady or are increasing, whereas there is a decline in attendances at some of the larger ones. In part this can be attributed to the growing number of alternative attractions in big cities, long distances to travel, the high cost of fares and colour television. It also suggests that our meetings are not sufficiently interesting, that talks are not expressed in a modern idiom and, overridingly, that talks are not enough. People want to be given the opportunity to relate to one another; to be put in a situation where they can actually experience brotherhood.

The truth of this is borne out in the success of weekends spent under the one roof, whether these are in the form of seminars or are unstructured. A camp is ideal from this point of view for it provides

a place where one can bring one's family, where one can study hard as well as relax and whence new ideas can emanate.

Perth Lodge's seminar weekends are booked out well beforehand. Blavatsky Lodge's Ranelagh weekends have attracted as many as 130 people. This year, Perth Lodge has taken the step of buying a property at Mt. Helena which is about forty kilometres from the city centre. The block of land is 8.5 hectares (21½ acres). It is planned to build a community hall in the form of an octagon, four chalets each accommodating eight people, a meditation centre and amenities blocks. The camp director will have his own house. To date, the electricity has been connected and approval by the local Council for development is being awaited before applying for a building permit. To my mind, this is the most exciting leap forward this year and it is to be hoped other lodges will follow suit.

Lodges continue, and will continue, to be major resource centres for Theosophy, especially those which possess libraries and bookshops. Melbourne Lodge has a particularly fine library which attracts scholars from the university and elsewhere. I also think that it is important that regular lodge meetings are held, thus maintaining a continuity of interest. It is interesting to see that those lodges which have given careful thought to presenting Theosophy in a modern idiom are drawing good audiences.

The major lodges continue to hold weekly meetings, while the smaller ones meet either once or twice monthly. A continuing trend is the opening of lodge meetings to the public at least twice a month in many cases, although Perth Lodge (after experimenting) has reverted to the policy of meetings for members only. Some lodges (Adelaide and Melbourne for instance) continue to hold well-attended public lectures once

a week; others, like Blavatsky, abandoned public lectures on a specific day (Sunday) long ago. Instead they open some of their meetings to the public each month and have the occasional extra public meeting when a distinguished guest is in Sydney. Perth Lodge has specific activities for non-members such as classes in Hatha Yoga and courses in Raja Yoga.

While some lodges prefer speakers, some of the smaller ones successfully combine the use of short cassettes with questions and answers. Other features of lodge activities are the meditation groups which operate in a number of them, contact groups and talk-ins during the day for those who cannot attend evening meetings.

Perth Lodge continues to operate its Food Co-operative which is open to all lodge members. This means any member may use its facilities at considerable saving. While Blavatsky Lodge serves soup and salads before lodge meetings and most lodges serve cups of tea or coffee after meetings, it is pleasing to note that Melbourne actually has a refreshment room which is open daily during the week and before and after Sunday public talks. Light refreshments obtainable are: Soup, sandwiches, cake, ryvitas, fruit, hot drinks, etc. Members of the public often find their way to the library and bookshop afterwards.

Since buying a property, Toowoomba Lodge has gone from strength to strength. It now has a good library and its president has set aside a separate part of his city office in a well-known arcade, for the display and sale of books. Cairns Lodge has been fortunate in obtaining free use of a most attractive school library room for its meetings and it can also keep its library and books for sale on the premises.

Because of declining membership, Townsville is now a group rather than a lodge, while Tathagata Centre is in the

process of winding up. This was the former Mosman Lodge which was re-vivified by an influx of younger members a few years ago. However, most of these are now involved in other activities (university courses, alternate life styles, Friends of the Earth) which do not permit them to give any time to lodge work so they have decided to close, the members mostly transferring to Blavatsky Lodge or to unattached membership.

The St. George and Albury study groups meet twice monthly and another group has started at Gosford under the auspices of Mr. John Green. Meetings are held once a month at the home of a member and guest speakers such as Mrs. Gool Minwalla and Mr. Will Ross as well as members of Blavatsky Lodge, travel north to share their ideas of Theosophy with the group.

Although not a lodge activity, mention should also be made of the work of the past president of Tathagata Lodge, Mrs. Yvonne Malykke, who regularly holds Hatha and Raja Yoga groups at 121 Walker Street, yoga weekends at her country home and last November held a successful two-day seminar in the North Sydney auditorium. First-class vegetarian meals were served and many had to be turned away. One wonders why our lodges do not take up this work. Apart from the interest it creates in the public mind, it also can be a valuable source of revenue if a charge is made for the seminar.

Most lodges continue to produce magazines or newsletters which serve to keep lodges in touch with one another and information from these is circulated to the members at large in the News and Notes part of *Theosophy in Australia*.

Service to Lodges.—A variety of material is made available by the Section Office to augment local programmes and assist those preparing talks. These services

include films and slides: the three Quest films in 16mm. colour and sound, a short Quest film sent to me recently by the National President of the American Section when she learned we were starting a theosophical camp in Western Australia (the film deals largely with some of the camps in the USA) and a fine slide library with transparencies, mostly in colour, covering illustrations from basic theosophical literatures. There are special programmes and illustrated study courses, comprising scripts, slides, cassette or tape and study courses on subjects ranging from *The Secret Doctrine* to *Esoteric Christianity*. There are programmes for Anniversary Days such as Adyar and White Lotus Day. Publicity leaflets and pamphlets on many pertinent subjects are ideal for enquirers and can be placed on view at public meetings, etc., and a new leaflet on membership which is with the printer sets out clearly information which newcomers may need to know. Leaflets for the National Lecturer and visiting lecturers are available on request. New tapes are being added constantly to the Tape Library. These cover not only Theosophy but a variety of topics such as science, the arts, parapsychology, education, religion, medicine. Of particular interest is the series *Beyond the Mechanical Mind* based on the ABC radio programme. Many of these cassettes can be borrowed or, if desired, bought.

The quarterly *Adyar Newsletter* is sent regularly to lodges by courtesy of The Theosophical Society in Australia and keeps members in touch with both the International Headquarters at Adyar and the work around the Sections. For the benefit of all members, relevant parts of the newsletter appear in *Theosophy in Australia*. Our local scientific group, which meets at Convention, has endeavoured to keep in touch through its contact magazine *Interface*.

My monthly Contact Letter to all lodges and groups, and quarterly one to unattached members keeps members informed of events here and abroad. Above all I use it to keep ideas flowing from the various lodges so that all may be informed and experiment with some of the ideas put forward if they wish.

Thanks to the Theosophical Publishing House at Wheaton, we have also been able to supply slightly damaged Quest Books to new groups and even small lodges so that theosophical literature may be available.

Membership.—Membership now stands at 1,273, a decrease of 58 over last year. There have been 159 new members, 55 re-admissions and 19 transfers.

Against this there have been 292 outgoing ones (46 resignations, 209 lapsings, 10 deaths and 17 transfers). Through death we have lost several stalwarts including Charles Wicks, Edriss Noall and Bertram Bidwell. Although the trend is still downwards, it is perhaps reassuring that it is quite small compared to the previous two years, especially when we consider that several lodges have raised their dues substantially.

A monthly average of 200 letters has been sent to new members; this service is provided for the first 18 months of membership and is much appreciated if one can judge by letters received and regret expressed when the last one arrives.

Headquarters Staff.—Visitors to Headquarters usually comment on the friendly atmosphere. This is because the staff believe that co-operation is more important in theosophical work than competition and work together as a team.

Because of rising costs we have cut our staff drastically. As we are reluctant to cut back seriously on activities especially when the present time is so opportune for advancing theosophical work, this has placed a heavy work load on the staff,

who work long hours on a voluntary basis. The work of the Quest Book Agency has continued to grow and expand and it has been necessary to employ an enthusiastic young member who works on a half-salary plus commission basis.

Especial thanks goes to the National Treasurer (Dr. Hugh Murdoch) who has borne much of the burden of the last difficult years and gives unstintingly of his time, and to Mr. Norman Hankin for his work as Chairman of the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. until his work necessitated his transfer to Canberra.

Advertising and Publicity.—Unfortunately we have discontinued regular advertising in newspapers and journals because of rising costs, although one advertisement appeared in *Cosmos* and it is planned to place another one this next year when that magazine publishes an interview with Mrs. Minwalla. To some extent the loss of advertising is offset by enquiries coming from the bookshops and by the regular Sunday broadcasts.

Twenty enquirers have subscribed to the 12-part Correspondence Course based on Felix and Eunice Layton's *Theosophy, Key to Understanding*, while leaflets have gone to forty-five enquirers. Publicity has also come from radio and television interviews with our National Lecturer (Will Ross) and our Guest Speaker (Mrs. Gool Minwalla). There were also several favourable newspaper articles about Mrs. Minwalla. Donations of books have also been sent to Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Burma, the cost being borne by the Helen Zahara Indo-Pacific Fund which is designed for this purpose.

Broadcasting.—The regular 15-minute theosophical broadcasts have continued on Station 2GB each Sunday evening and bring requests for scripts and information about Theosophy. This year, apart from our regular speakers, there have been a number of interviews with well-known

figures, including Will Ross, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Gilberto Rizzo (the United Nations representative), Professor Adam Curle (a distinguished overseas scholar and Quaker whose main concern is world peace), Swami Ranganathananda, Mrs. Elizabeth Ahlston (Alternatives to Animal Experiments) and Tony Gregory (Project Jonah). Our sincere thanks to all those who helped with the broadcasts, especially to Mrs. Gladys MacCartie who has organized the broadcasts in her spare time.

Bookshops.—Our theosophical bookshops are probably our most valuable form of publicity and are popular with the public who like the friendly service and specialised attention. They are also an excellent place to leave publicity leaflets announcing programmes, seminars, films and coming events in general. First class bookshops are operated by the lodges in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. In the last couple of years, Brisbane Lodge has also developed a small but excellent bookshop, and while the smaller lodges do not have the money for these shops, they usually stock a limited supply of books (especially from the Quest Book Agency) for sale at meetings and the turnover is constant. In the latter part of this year, the president of Toowoomba Lodge has made part of his city office available as a small bookshop, while a Hobart Lodge member is also selling theosophical books at the lodge premises and on campus at the university. Another enterprising project undertaken by two enthusiastic young Sydney members is the setting up a book stall twice a week at the University of Sydney which they are attending.

Quest Book Agency.—In February, Mrs. Celia Novy took over from Miss Audrey Godding as Quest Book Manager. During Miss Godding's efficient management, the Agency increased its sales

considerably. Now we are indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Novy who has considerable prior experience in the book trade and for a long time ran the Adyar Bookshop. This year sales have increased from \$ 23,063 to \$ 37,727. Books are sold to lodge bookshops, as well as to trade customers throughout Australia and New Zealand and some farther afield. Quest imports in bulk the popular paperback series known as Quest Books published by the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, U.S.A. It also acts as agent for several other publishing firms including the Theosophical Publishing Houses in America and London; Compton Russell, Salisbury, England; Watkins Publishing, London; The Adyar Library and Research Centre; Cesara Publications, Eire; The Secret Doctrine Reference series from Wizard's Bookshelf, Minneapolis. At present we are awaiting books from Point Loma Publications, U.S.A., Beshara Publishing, London and Dharma Publishing, California (USA). The latter publishes quality books on Tibetan philosophy and art.

This year a new comprehensive catalogue is available. Specialised lists in various fields are also made available and will soon be incorporated in a subject catalogue.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—The T.O.S. groups in Australia continue to work autonomously applying their special talents in many areas of concern to Theosophists. Members from various States work, for example, for Freedom From Hunger, Save the Children Fund, Adult Literacy, doorknock for AUSTCARE (Australian Care for Refugees), Amnesty International, Anti-Vivisection, special support for FRAME (an anti-vivisection body), the Aboriginal Medical Service, Project Jonah, Alternatives to Animal Experiments and many other activities. Mrs. Fearnside of Adelaide edits *The*

Australian Vegetarian and in Brisbane a bursary is given to the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. The T.O.S. has been represented on Aboriginal Projects, The Australian Conservation Foundation and the National Council of Women.

On the international scene, allocations from AUSTCARE have been made to various organisations, support is given to the Kotagiri Co-operative, the Buddhist Orphanage in Bangladesh, the H.P.B. Hostel at Adyar and Dr. Narasimhan's Medical Clinic, Nilgiris.

Theosophy in Australia has tried to publish one article each issue orientated towards T.O.S. work. Arising out of the article written by Miss Joy Mills on the work of Dr. Narasimhan in the Nilgiris in India (September, 1976) the Rotary Club of Kings Cross this year raised \$500 to provide equipment for the operating theatre at Dr. Narasimhan's hospital.

The National Director of the T.O.S., Mrs. Lorraine Moseley, continues to work for AUSTCARE and is Honorary Public Relations Officer for the United Nations Association of Australia, NSW Division. In this latter capacity, she was involved in organising an important national seminar on Peace for the United Nations Association during the recent visit of Dr. Adam Curle.

In most States, the work is dynamic, but passes unnoticed by many members. It is a practical application of Theosophy and deepest thanks must go to all those caring members who are dedicated to 'The Service of All Who Suffer'.

International.—While the main thrust of our work is naturally directed to the work in Australia, we are part of an international organisation which seeks to foster universal brotherhood. As such the Section Office remains in close touch with the International Headquarters and with Sections and lodges around the world and

we try to share this international link with the members in the magazine and in the Contact Letters. At present, too, we are engaged in organising with the help of our travel agents, an Asian Tour for the projected Pacific Conference in Indonesia in August when it is hoped to inaugurate the Pacific Federation of which we are a member.

The A.B.C. Australia Fund stood at \$22,971 on 30th September, 1977 and its income during the year amounted to \$1,708. This is a capital fund held by the Australian Section Theosophical Trust for the benefit of the international work.

As usual, collections and donations have been sent to Adyar for the Adyar Day and Rice Bowl Appeal. From the Helen Zahara Memorial Fund \$300 was sent to the Non-English Publications Fund which makes possible the translation of theosophical books from English into other languages. Another \$100 was donated by a member to the same Fund. When sending the money, we express the hope that it will be used for translations carried out by members living in those countries which lie close to us, like Japan and Indonesia.

Administration.—During Convention at the Rymill Conference Centre, three National Council Meetings were held as well as the customary Annual General Meeting of the Australian Section Theosophical Trust. A special meeting of the National Council also took place at the National Headquarters on 10th September, 1977.

The Sydney members of the National Executive Committee and the Directors of the Trust Company meet regularly each month; minutes of these meetings and relevant informations are sent to all concerned with administration. I would like to thank sincerely all those concerned with this side of the work and for the help and support given to me personally.

Finance.—The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd.: Mr. Norman Hankin continued as Chairman until his transfer to Canberra, since when Dr. Murdoch filled the office. Mrs. Vanags continues as Secretary.

The building in North Sydney is held in trust for the Society and Blavatsky Lodge. Letting is still progressing more slowly than hoped in the current depressed economic climate and as a result we do not expect any income from this source for several years.

In continuance of its policy of promoting the objects of the Theosophical Society, the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. gave financial assistance for publishing *Theosophy in Australia*.

In common with others, we are passing through a difficult period financially, but it is important that we do not lose sight of our objectives. The continuing expressions of support and understanding lead us to feel confident that the Society has its own unique contribution to make at this time when new energies are flowing into the world.

Australian Section Fund and Expansion Fund.—At Convention it was resolved that the Australian Section Fund be revived in order to meet the deficit and as at 30th September 1977, \$6,511 had been received. The Expansion Fund still exists for such projects as bringing out visiting lecturers, the National Lecturer and services to the lodges such as slide, tape and special programmes.

Research Library.—One of the most forward looking projects of recent years has been the Research Library and it is visualised that it will eventually take its place beside other famous theosophical libraries such as those at Adyar and Wheaton.

Conclusion.—It is apparent in this last quarter of the century that new ideas and new energies are flowing into the world. While the Theosophical Society has its own unique contribution to make—and I am sure its message is required as urgently today as a century ago—there is a need to utilise these energies and express our teachings in a modern idiom if they are to retain their vitality. Travelling around the Australian Section, it is heartening to find most lodges are now conscious of this, although sometimes uncertain how to proceed. It is I feel, a difficult but necessary transition period from the old to the new. Those lodges which are giving careful thought to presenting Theosophy in a modern garb are drawing good audiences, while the decision by Perth Lodge to form the first theosophical camp in Australia is a major leap forward. Each lodge must find its own way of moving into the New Age. Let us continue to be sensitive to the needs of this age while remembering that our fundamental principles are timeless.

ELAINE MURDOCH,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

The new premises of the Swedish Section in Stockholm have now been functioning for about a year and a half, and the idea of having a bookshop with display windows in combination with lending library

and lecture lodge room has turned out very well. The book shop, being open four afternoons of the week, brings us into a much broader contact with people than earlier, and many come to the series

of public Sunday lectures and other meetings. Two interviews in a magazine have spread additional knowledge among the public about Theosophy and the T.S.

This increased contact with the public is very valuable, but it is at the same time becoming more and more clear that the small study groups are the most important part of the work. In them we can go deeper into the different aspects of the theosophical view of life and put them into relation with the experiences of each individual. Books that have been used in these studies include A. K. Winner: *Basic Ideas of the Occult Wisdom*; the *Bhagavad-Gita*; A. Besant: *The Ancient Wisdom*; and W. Slater: *Raja Yoga*.

In addition to activities in Stockholm there are theosophical groups working in five towns in Sweden, each with its own programme, supported by visiting lecturers.

A new activity in the Section is the producing and keeping of a tape library of lectures and discussions in Swedish as well as in English. The tapes, in cassette form, are put at the disposal of individuals and of groups, which has turned out to be a great help in the work.

The Section had its Annual Convention during three days in June, when we had the great pleasure of having our International President, Mr. John Coats,

with us. The Section this year had no summer school of its own, as it usually has, but some twenty members joined the Danish Summer School combined with the Council Meetings of the European Federation, at Hillerød north of Copenhagen.

The Non-English Publication Fund has granted the Section an amount of 750 eng. pounds for the printing of theosophical books in Swedish. Repayment takes the form of building up, during five years a fund in Sweden for future printings. H. P. Blavatsky's *Practical Occultism* has been reprinted in Swedish. A joint Norwegian-Swedish abridged edition of *The Universal Flame* is under way and A. K. Winner's book, mentioned above, is under translation with a view to print it.

The Norwegian-Swedish joint sectional magazine, *Teosofi i Norden*, appears quarterly. The Swedish Section is also sending out a newsletter to members four times a year.

As to the membership we can register 31 new members, 3 readmissions and 31 outgoing members including lapsings, which makes a total of 318 members at the end of the period under report.

CURT BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand Section of the Society was very privileged to be able to start its activities for 1977 with a visit from Miss Joy Mills, the International Vice-President of the Society. Although she was here only very briefly and her visit was limited to the Auckland area, Miss Mills kindly delivered a talk to members and a public lecture which attracted members from long distances.

Visiting Lecturers.—Lodges have been well served this year, thanks to the generous efforts of a small band of devoted members who have toured extensively, delivering lectures and conducting seminars.

In particular, we have to thank our National Lecturer, Mrs. Mavis Hardy, who has visited every Lodge throughout the country, and most of them twice.

We are very indebted also to Miss Daphne Darroch, to Elsie and Frank Wilson, to Jack Patterson, Dudley Gower, and Gavin Laurie. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, has twice travelled to Whangarei and delivered lectures for the lodge there. Our very sincere thanks to all.

Spotlight Lectures.—As a new venture for this country, this year we introduced Theosophy into several large towns where there are currently no lodges or groups functioning. The approach was based on a very modest form of the "Spotlight" work done for many years in the U.S.A.

Mr. Jack Patterson pioneered the work for us, delivering two lectures at each location and screening the popular Edgar Mitchell films in Ashburton, Taupo, Tokoroa and Fielding. Miss Daphne Darroch also spotlighted Ashburton during her tour of that area, and Christchurch Lodge is continuing the contact with a monthly lecture. The results to date are most encouraging with very worthwhile audiences and the possibility of groups becoming established. Particular thanks must be extended to Frank and Elsie Wilson who, with other members, provided Jack with wonderful support and assistance. The experiment has proved very worthwhile and will, we hope, be continued.

In a similar vein, H.P.B. Lodge in Auckland has, this year, hired halls in the suburbs and with Headquarters' aid has once a month delivered public lectures at these sites. The response has been excellent with audiences frequently equal to those enjoyed at the Lodge, and growing on each occasion.

Speaking to Youth.—Of particular interest this year has been the number of times the Society has been invited to provide speakers to explain Theosophy to interested groups of young people at universities, training colleges and high schools.

Films.—Our films continue to be of major value in our work and attract considerable interest, both for our own lecturers and for outside groups who, in return for their use, publicly acknowledge the Theosophical Society as the supplier. Two films recently provided by us to Otago University attracted an audience estimated at approximately 500, and another showing to a health group drew over 100 people. Since the start of the year our films have been screened on 47 occasions.

Lodge Activities.—All lodges have been meeting regularly throughout the year and our very sincere thanks are extended to all officers and members who so selflessly work to keep Theosophy alive and vigorous within their particular area.

Lodge numbers remain unchanged at 17.

Discussion Groups.—The Masterton Group continues to function and meet regularly. A healthy new group has been established in Invercargill and there seems to be promise of more groups forming in other parts of the country.

Section Library.—This particular aspect of our work has expanded substantially in recent times and we are pleased to be able to report that there is a steady demand on the library facilities. New books are regularly added to the shelves and the library is maintained as the important unit which we consider it to be.

Theosophical Cassette Centre.—Substantial use has been made of the Cassette Centre throughout the year; some 400 cassettes of theosophical lectures and talking books having been supplied to enquirers.

"Theosophy in New Zealand".—The Section magazine has been published regularly throughout the year and continues to command the high respect of its readers worldwide.

Youth Journal.—As another new venture, Section has this year floated an

inexpensive journal designed with the young member and young enquirer in mind. It was hoped that they would contribute articles and make it their own publication, but the response to the first issue was not particularly encouraging. We shall persist for a little longer in the hope that interest will pick up.

Publicity.—Many thousands of copies of the American and Australian pamphlets have again been distributed to lodges this year and evidently have proved to be very popular judging from the speed with which they have to be replenished.

Mr. Hodson's pamphlet entitled *How to Study Theosophy* has been reprinted, as well as another 5,000 copies of *A Spiritual Science for Today* which has proved to be so popular in our publicity work.

Display advertisements were again placed in all the leading newspapers and in some magazines, with a reasonable response. The advertisements customarily offer a subscription to the Section magazine. We no longer measure the replies in hundreds, however, as we did three or four years ago, and this is probably due to the increase in our subscription rates to *Theosophy in N.Z.* which doubled from \$ 1 to \$ 2 per annum. Whereas it was a very nominal sum to pay for a year's magazine subscription, we think that people now find it less attractive, particularly in view of the current economic conditions.

Letters to New Members.—Monthly letters covering various aspects of Theosophy have continued to be mailed to our new members during their first 18 months in the Society. This year we have included with each letter one of the American or Australian pamphlets dealing with the same, or an allied aspect of the subject covered in the letter.

These pamphlets are attractive and well written, and we hope will provide

our new members with a reasonable foundation of Theosophy upon which to build. New members' letters numbering 5,422 have been mailed this year.

Financial.—Contributions to the Voluntary Fund amounted this year to \$2,125.00 and we are most appreciative of the generosity of our many kind donors.

The Mason Foundation provided an income in 1977 of \$ 851.00, which is particularly helpful in meeting the costs of our printing and allied publicity activities.

Costs continue to escalate steadily, but we are fortunate that careful control of our investment income and our property rentals has enabled us, so far, to continue to enjoy all the old services and to extend our work without having to raise the members' capitation fees.

Membership.—As at 30 September 1977, membership stands at 1467.

New Headquarters.—The offices and equipment of the Section were moved during the year to the ground floor of "Vasanta House", a large residence adjacent to the old headquarters. Extensive alterations and redecoration were first effected to the property which has belonged to the Society for over 58 years. We now enjoy spacious work areas and easy access for vehicles, on an attractively landscaped property with generous lawns and gardens. It will be a very worthy headquarters for the Section for many years to come.

Appreciation.—We would particularly like to thank the American and Australian Sections for their unfailing co-operation and assistance at all times throughout the year, and to all at Adyar too, whose help and advice are invaluable.

My personal thanks also to all the Section officers, to the voluntary workers at Headquarters, to all committee members, lodge officers and workers

everywhere. Without their willing help it would be impossible to advance the theosophical cause in New Zealand.

In Conclusion.—1977 has been a successful year for the Theosophical Society in New Zealand with continued steady progress evident in our task of popularising a knowledge of Theosophy.

New ground has been broken with the Spotlight and other programmes men-

tioned above, as well as maintaining and extending the established activities, and we are confident that with the generous co-operation of our members the impulse can be maintained.

We look forward, therefore, to a new year of continued growth and service.

NEILL M. EDGAR,
General Secretary.

THE NETHERLANDS

During the last year the members of the Dutch Section have had a time of thinking over the activities of the past. Out of this thinking we concluded that the Section had to try to find new ways to bring Theosophy to the public. A lot of new ideas came up but it appeared that the Society had too few members that are able to do the actual work.

Staff-Course.—As a result a two-year course has been started to teach a number of members how to work in a proper and modern way for and within the T.S. The course started with 35 members, but has now an enthusiastic group of 15 members which is found enough. We meet one Sunday a month at the Headquarters. The past year was the first year of the course and it was found that both members and organisers have learned a lot. Discussions were held on topics of modern problems related to Theosophy, such as abortion, environmental hygienics, drugs, education, etc. Other programmes were an intensive course on modern Theosophy and discussion and meeting techniques.

Though the first year was interesting and successful, after a deep evaluation we found that the course had to be reorganised and that it had to take three more years. The beginning of the second year has

proved to be very successful and is generating enthusiasm.

The three main topics of the course are: a deep study of Theosophy, based on *The Secret Doctrine*; meditation techniques; and methods and techniques concerning the practical work (public speaking, organisation of a lecture, leading of meetings and discussion groups, etc.)

Within a few years we hope to have more members that can work for the T.S., so that new activities may be started.

Publishing House.—The Publishing House may look back on a very successful year. We now produce books and distribute them with the cooperation of a regular publishing house of spiritual books. Our books are on stock in a national depot, from which all bookshops order their books. Agents of this publishing house bring our books to the attention of the bookshop managers. The result of this is an enormous increase in the sale of our books, which are available in most bookshops now. The publishing house will need constant attention in order to meet the demand and to publish new books in time.

Other Activities.—New activities have been started for evaluating and co-ordinating the work of the lodges. Meetings are being organised for the

workers of the lodge and members of the staff-course will help with these activities. The former headquarters in Amsterdam have been sold as it proved to be too big and we could not maintain it. Headquarters is now in the building of the Utrecht Lodge, which appears to be a big improvement. The different activities of the council have been divided among its members. Each member is the coordinator of a committee for an aspect of the work such as the publishing house, and he is helped by some members. Through this we can involve more members in the work and at the same time

all the work is being coordinated in the Board.

We may look back on a very good year, as the many activities have started to improve the work. However it will take some more years before the results will be seen. It is a pity that the number of members decreased to 962 and we hope we do not lose some more members in the near future before the new approach is felt. The Section is full of enthusiasm and good hope for the future.

AREND HEYBROEK,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

The French Section is regularly increasing the number of its members which has grown from 1400 to 1467. It has 42 lodges.

Most of its activities are, of course, centred in our beautiful and spacious Headquarters in Paris, where the premises are fully employed for lectures, weekly courses, meetings of lodges and other gatherings of our members.

We have been privileged by a visit of our International President, Mr. John Coats, who delivered a lecture and answered questions on 28th, 29th and 30th May 1977, at our Headquarters.

A large number of our members attended the Latin Countries Summer School, at Turin (Italy).

Our Publishing House, the Editions Adyar, has been continuing its task of providing French-speaking people, chiefly in Europe, Africa and Canada, with theosophical books. During the year under report, it has published French translations of *A Study in Consciousness*, *The Path of Discipleship*, *Death and After*, by Annie Besant, *The Voice of the Silence*, by H. P. Blavatsky, *A Textbook of Theosophy*, by C. W. Leadbeater, and *The Esoteric Philosophy of India*, by J. C. Chatterji.

Our magazine *Le Lotus Bleu*, founded by H. P. Blavatsky, continues to be the official organ of the Belgian, Swiss and French Sections.

SALOMON LANCRI,
General Secretary.

ITALY

During the year under report the activities of the Section increased in spite of several difficulties.

The Section consists of 24 groups and 4 study centres with 650 members in

good standing. 108 new members were admitted during the year under report, giving an increase of 54 members. There is a new group at Catania and a new study centre at Licignano.

The activities of all groups and centres was regular and generally on an eclectic basis in order to meet different interests and levels of understanding: study courses in classical theosophical literature as well as courses on astrology, parapsychology, meditation, yoga, researches on Kirlian effect, acupuncture and psychology, were usually delivered by professionally trained members. At the same time there are also lectures on up-to-date questions of ecology, sciences, art and religion. Advertisements appear in the papers and on the radio in almost every town where there is a group. The groups meet generally twice a week.

The theosophical magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* which has been issued for 33 years has 738 subscribers, 180 more than last year. It is noteworthy that many are non-members or ex-members of the T.S. The review is also taken by several public libraries.

A lady from Genova left a substantial legacy to the Section to form a community for old Theosophists and we are hoping to obtain the incorporation by the Italian Government as this will be decisive for the favourable outcome of the pending application.

In Rome, in its own premises, the Theosophical National Library continued its general programme of information to the public in general and to members in particular.

It has been the intention of the General Secretary to recommend more general discussion in the groups and to limit the length of the lectures in order to encourage a greater participation on the part of the members, thus stimulating greater interest.

The third Italian edition of C. Jinarāja-dāsa's *First Principles of Theosophy* under the title *Mistero della vita e della forma* and C. W. Leadbeater's *Clairvoyance* were both published privately. The latter book is very much appreciated by certain parapsychologists.

During the year we had two important meetings: the 63rd Annual Convention and the Summer School of Pays Latins.

The 63rd Annual Convention of the T.S. in Italy took place at Castrocara from 19 to 22 May in the presence of the International President, Mr. J. Coats, the President of the European Council, Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, and the Vice-General Secretary of the French Section, Mme. Hermine Sabetay. At the Convention, 120 members and some friends were present and it was, in general, very successful.

The Summer School Pays Latins 1977 was also very successful with 98 present. Members came from Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Belgium. Also present were the International President, Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, Mme. Hermine Sabetay, M. Salomon Lancry, and Mme. Henriette van der Hecht.

During the year the General Secretary lectured to groups, centres and public libraries in Trieste, Genova, Rome, Milan, Forlì, Gorizia, Grado, Monfalcone, Udine, Cormons, Codroipo, Gradisca, Pordenone and other places. During the 63rd Convention Mr. Edoardo Bratina was elected General Secretary for the third term of office.

EDOARDO BRATINA,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

The General Secretary, Siegfried Kuska, visited many lodges and groups in Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. Mrs. I. Scheithauer, Mrs. A. Stephan and Mr. R. Flemming also visited a number of lodges and groups.

Within all the lodges, work is going on actively. Especially the lodge in Hannover has had a revival. Lodges and groups meet either once a week, once a fortnight or once a month.

Mrs. A. Stephan has had good success with a meditation course for the public in the autumn of 1976. It is considered that the course method is the theosophical work for the future.

The Regional Meetings for Northern Germany are held twice a year at Inzmuehlen in the Lueneburger Heide near Hamburg. They are always a great stimulus for the work.

Regional Meetings are also held at Weinheim/Bergstr. and at the Garnpoint for South Germany.

Young Theosophists meet regularly in Berlin, but in Hamburg they meet only occasionally.

The Summer School held this year in Schotten from 22nd to 29th June was harmonious and gave fresh impetus to the theosophical work in Germany as a whole. Stress was laid on the Working Groups. Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale visited us and was the Guest of Honour. Her lectures and the manner of answering questions has been most inspiring to all. Interesting lectures were also delivered by Mr. Wolfgang von Schwarzenfeld (Gran Canaria)—especially on the theme "Cancer and the Evolution of Man," and by Mr. Reinhard Flemming. Participants numbered 60-65.

Membership rises and falls. Many older members died but new members always appear. At the moment we have some hopeful young members. The total membership is now 301.

SIEGFRIED KUSKA,
General Secretary.

CUBA

No Report

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

Something out of the ordinary was the seventh visit to Finland of the International President, Mr. John Coats, this time after an interval of five years, as a guest of honour at the Summer School and the Headquarters. This happy event

attracted a record number of participants to Kreivila, 220 in all. Housing conditions at Kreivila have been improved with the help of members. Contacts with the Swedish Section have been maintained by an exchange of lecturers—

Curt Berg and Pertti Spets, (a Finn living in Sweden) and Mrs. Kirsti Elo and Mr. Aimo Palomäki.

The magazine *Teosofi* continues with 10 issues a year. A reprint of *Light on the Path* has been the only book published this year. Blavatsky Lodge has continued its book-shop and library activities very successfully and its magazine *Elopyörä* has been published twice a year. The western lodges of the Section are much alive and a new lodge has been formed from the members of one of them. On the other hand, in Helsinki, the passing away of such good workers as Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa and Mr. Armas D. Siimes is

felt as a loss and they will not be easily replaced. The membership of the Section shows an increase of 15 and stands at 489 at the end of the year under review. Yet the shortage of able workers is constant. The trend is towards being an unattached member even in the capital. In September 1977 the Finnish Section completed 70 years of service. Celebrations will be held in October and November 1977. Three of the original seven lodges are still active, Kalevala in Helsinki being the most vital of them.

SIRKKA KIVILINNA,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Lodges in Southern Africa are active but the fact that we all have to come by car, makes it more and more difficult to attend meetings, especially in Rhodesia.

Bulawayo Lodge and Salisbury Lodge are doing well, although Salisbury lost 6 members. Gwelo Lodge had to close as the membership dropped below 7. However all remaining five members transferred to unattached membership. A combined meeting of Rhodesian lodges had to be postponed.

In South Africa the enthusiasm for the T. V. programmes is still influencing the attendance at public and members' meetings. Johannesburg Lodge had to remove

12 members from the roll. However Cape Town and East London memberships increased by five and two members respectively. Another reason for lapsing members, as happened in Johannesburg, is that prospective members were not properly informed before joining and attended only a few meetings. Our total membership is 356 as on 30th September 1977. I further wish to stress that the doors of all our lodges are open to all races and this has always been so. Another fact is that lodges sometimes invite Indian non-members to give lectures.

Convention was in Johannesburg this year and although not so well attended the coming together and the exchange of

thoughts, lectures and discussions were enjoyable and instructive.

In conclusion I wish to quote part of the editorial in our national magazine, *The Link*, talking about the difficult times in this Section and trying to meet the great challenge to all members of Societies and Associations of a spiritual nature:

"Members of the Southern African Section carry their share of the responsibility to serve when they think of the enslavement of peoples everywhere where there is no freedom of speech; no freedom of worship; no freedom from want

and no freedom from fear. But since our Society for obvious reasons takes no part in political or ideological disputes anywhere, no particular country or people may come in for our special attention. The escalating violence in our part of the world, however, may serve to bring home afresh the kind of malady from which the world is suffering.

"We therefore carry on with renewed dedication in spreading Light and Love to all humanity."

ANNA BISCHOFF,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

Our Annual Convention was held in June. A very pleasant feature of this was the reading of the lodge reports from Glasgow and Edinburgh. Glasgow had reported 9 new members in the last year and the continuation of all lodge activities notwithstanding the immense amount of work they were involved in, in repairing the storm damage of last year (and the fact that workmen arrived to erect internal scaffolding four days before Convention started!).

Edinburgh Lodge has had an imaginative series of meetings in which they have maintained their policy of forming links with other societies: a hill walk to a neolithic long cairn, and another to another ancient monument site; a public meditation talk, attended by 32 people. A combined effort with the Astrological Association, a public talk by Michel Gaucquelin, was attended by 55 people, and a similar talk by Jeff Mayo by 48 people. All this capped off by a poetry reading session by Alan Jackson. There was also a camping expedition to Iona by a group of the younger people.

Our guest of honour, Rosemary Olsen from Wallasey Lodge, then gave her first members' talk on "The Illusion of the Ring-Pass-Not", which inspired a great deal of comment—on the question of development—and gave much food for thought.

After an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Reilly and her helpers, we then went on to the "At Home". With our usual superb organisation we had managed to provide about 50 slides on standing stones, and no projector. Fortunately, Bob Brydon who is interested in these antiquities, and Alan Senior, who has given talks on the subject, kept a lively discussion going with brisk audience participation; this perhaps indicated aspects of these ancient monuments which had not been considered before. This discussion took the better part of an hour (and could have continued) then David Stewart Smith gave a recital on guitar, and lap harp. Dave is interested—and knowledgeable—on the ancient Celtic legends and has set some of his ideas on these to music. This was extremely enjoyable,

and will add to our knowledge of these things complementary to the intellectual measurements of Prof. Thom.

The Convention continued with Rosemary's talk, "A Blueprint of Action," in which she spoke of the necessity for applying our knowledge. This provoked much discussion, 55 minutes worth for a 50 minute talk! It was felt that perhaps by meditation on troubled areas of present day life—on the mental and spiritual plane—Theosophists by their knowledge, could accomplish a great deal.

The Convention then ended with the closing Invocation.

The enthusiasts of the Edinburgh Lodge have continued to work during the summer vacation on things theosophical. The Edinburgh Festival is held from 19th August onwards, and in this period the group is giving six performances—in the "fringe" Festival—of "In Search of a

Lost Celtic Dream". This is a sequence of poetry readings, music, and addresses, designed to bring to dramatic light the hidden meaning behind the Celtic/Welsh/British myths. As Bob Brydon says in the descriptive leaflet to accompany the performance, Celtic philosophy talked of a round of birth and re-birth, broken in the case of the hero in Taliesen by drinking of the cauldron of Ceridwen, thereby producing remembrance of previous incarnations.

This is one of the features of present Lodge activities which bring Theosophy to the notice of a wider public, many of whom may have ideas, longings, similar to those of Theosophy, without having previously known of this "University". Perhaps we can look forward to a wider audience in the next few decades!

JAMES G. MITCHELL,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

One of the characteristics of the Swiss Section is that its Statutes provide for the General Secretary to be appointed for three years and that he or she can serve for only two consecutive periods of office at a time. This provision causes us to call on the younger generation and perhaps also to change our methods of working more frequently than would otherwise be the case.

One of the important events this year was the appointment of a new General Secretary to replace the undersigned (as from 1.1.1978), who, since 1935 had served for six three-year periods of office. There was one candidate, Mr. Ricco Streiff, a young man of 30, born in a theosophical family, who has been a member of the Society for 12 years. We wish him happy and fruitful activity.

The statistics of the Section show a drop in membership this year from 231 to 211. But this should not give cause for discouragement for our membership lists have been revised carefully and the names of all those who had not paid their dues for several years have been removed. So the new General Secretary can take up his duties with statistics which are up to date.

The lodges meet as a rule every two weeks, studying more or less the same books: Annie Besant's *Reincarnation* and *Karma*, C. Jinarājadāsa's *First Principles of Theosophy*, Annie Besant's *A Study in Consciousness*, C.W. Leadbeater's *Chakras*, etc. In a word: "classical" books. But there are also discussions on topical themes.

A group of members, unfortunately nearly always the same persons, attends the

regional Pays Latins and German-speaking Summer Schools.

In Geneva there are regular Monday evening public lectures from October until June on theosophical and other subjects. From time to time we have visiting lecturers from France and Belgium. The Basle group mostly invites speakers from Germany and Austria to give monthly public lectures.

In Geneva, a healing group is in the process of formation.

The Section has published three leaflets in French and German entitled *The Theosophical Society*, *Friendship* and *The Emblem of the T.S.*

Two lecturers, Mr. Marcel Haas and Mr. G. Tripet, publish the texts of their lectures from time to time.

The General Secretary also held talks in Paris, Marseilles, Lyons and Grenoble. Another member, Mrs. Mir-Tabatabai, goes regularly to France to lecture and a member from Basle, Mr. Hanspeter Wyss, has lectured at the lodge in Strasbourg.

Two Geneva members, Miss A. Eichenberger and Miss M. Weissbrodt, have undertaken the translation and publication—with the financial help of a member who wishes to remain anonymous—of Mr. G. Hodson's *Brotherhood of Angels and of Men*.

It should be mentioned also that Mr. G. Tripet conducted a course on meditation.

The Third Object of the Society was the keynote of a seminar held in Macolin at the beginning of October 1977, attended by 26 persons. The General Secretary sent out several circulars during the year entitled "The Second Century has Begun," containing a summary of lectures given in New York and Adyar during the Society's Centenary celebrations, as well as of reports drawn up by different working groups during these gatherings.

The information given in the official bulletin of the French-speaking countries, *Le Lotus Bleu*, was supplemented by *News of the Section* and *News from Abroad*. These newsletters were published also in German. The news contained in the *Adyar Newsletter* and in different national magazines, which shows the importance of the T.S. and the activities of its members, was also communicated in part to members.

Several members of the Section play an active part in the work of the Theosophical Society in Europe and of the Theosophical Order of Service. Some lodges and individuals have contributed financially to the H.P.B. Hostel, the Olcott School and AuMoryaPur. Several members are also interested in the Besant Cultural Centre and the activities of Rukmini Devi Arundale. The Section also showed its interest in the Adyar Library. The interest shown by many members in the Huizen Centre should not be forgotten.

Our International President Mr. John Coats, drew up a questionnaire for Young Theosophists. The Swiss General Secretary communicated this document to all members, inviting them to give their replies to each question. A large file was assembled and the General Secretary analysed the replies received and communicated the results of this analysis month by month to all members.

The Section, through Mr. Max Müri, Assistant General Secretary, means to repeat the 1975-76 experience and is preparing a further trip from Switzerland to India in December 1978. Already more than 60 persons, not only from Switzerland but also from France and Belgium, have booked provisionally to take part.

In order to help the lodges organise their study programmes, the General Secretary sent lodge presidents and other

members of the Executive Committee the study programme prepared by Mr. Rohit Mehta and Mrs. Bhupatray Mehta which includes, in particular, sections on the divinity of man, the law of rebirth, the law of adjustment, the constitution of man, the Masters of the Wisdom, one truth=many revelations, the nature of God.

Theosophical anniversaries are observed regularly in Geneva and Basle.

In Geneva all lectures are recorded by Mr. Ding, the librarian. A cassette

service organised by Miss Rebsamen, President of the Geneva group, was formed about three years ago. The sale of the cassettes was such a success that it was decided that the Meyer Fund would buy a recorder for rapid reproduction. Thus, in three minutes, a lecture lasting an hour can be registered in two copies on cassettes. Lectures in Basle are also recorded (by Mr. F. Zwygart) and are available on request.

GEORGE TRIPET,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

During the business year 1976-77 the state of health of the General Secretary was rather poor. After a trip to New York, followed by a lecture tour through the South of France, she was obliged to have absolute rest because of a heart condition.

The Assistant Secretary and his wife stepped in and kept the Society alive and active. Among other things they gave up their holidays to the reconstitution and reorganisation of our library, took part in the summer school at Territet with the Belgian group; took messages from the Belgian Section to France and to other organisations; took part with five other French-speaking delegates in the annual meeting of the Landag in Bréda in friendly agreement with the branches of Anvers and Gand; attempted to diversify the interest in the public Saturday lectures hitherto considered to be the only approach to the Society; paid monthly visits to the young branch in Charleroi, maintained cordial relations with the branch of Liège . . . all this together with full-time administration and organisation.

The branches of Anvers, Charleroi, Gand, Liège and Brussels continue

their regular activities. The meetings of the branches and study groups were well attended and the number of those taking part is increasing.

The Saturday lectures were supported by the presence of several distinguished people as well as by films of the Philippine healers. The support given by lecturers from Gand, Liège and Charleroi was also most helpful in holding these 35 conferences, where the average attendance increased to 38 people.

The librarian and treasurer of the Charleroi branch have organised a "franc a day" saving scheme in favour of the Olcott School. Besides this, the Olcott School received a Christmas present of Fr 67.000 from donations and from tickets sold at the showing of the film on the Philippine healers. Our most sincere thanks to the organisers, M. and Mme. Bolen, and to all who supported them.

Mme. van der Hecht has undertaken the promotion of the World Campaign for Kindness which was inaugurated at Adyar on the occasion of the Centenary. She has also given new life to the Order of Service which had been somewhat

neglected since the death of the former person in charge. We must also thank her for organizing the monthly meditation meetings on Sunday mornings, as well as for her study groups, all of which are very well attended.

We must also mention the reorganized library which has found in Mme. Loste an attentive and dedicated administrator, on whose presence the reading members can always count.

Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day have been celebrated as usual.

An international week-end meeting of Young Theosophists, enhanced by the presence of Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith who came from England specially to attend it, was held for three days at Op Heylissem with about 40 taking part in studies, yoga sessions, meditation, walks and entertainment, in a dynamic and fraternal atmosphere.

The end of this year of activities was brought to a fitting close by the presence of our International President, Mr. John Coats, who shared our activities for two

days and delighted us with the warm humanity of his presence.

During the year we were happy to distribute 27 diplomas to new members. We were very sorry to lose one of our oldest members, Mme. Chappellier, who went to the Light on the 27th February. She had been a devoted president of Branch Lumière.

I must not omit to mention the work of the Administrative Council, whose members meet once a month to oversee the work of our Section. I would like to thank them particularly for their never failing loyalty.

Our thanks, also, to those from near and far who have contributed in some way, maybe without having been noticed, but who know that the theosophical spirit lies in self-dedication which bears its own reward.

In conclusion 1976-77 was an exceptional and excellent year in the life of the Belgian Theosophical Society

BERTHE NYSENS,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

It has become a tradition that each year a minor Convention is held in East Java by the lodges in that area. In 1976 such a Convention was held at Blitar on the 8th and 9th October. Among the guest-speakers was Mr. S. Ramuwisit who was also, as Perwathin's Public Relations officer, on his periodic itinerary, visiting lodges in East Java and giving useful lectures explaining Theosophy especially to new members.

Our newest and youngest lodge is Banyuwangi, located not far away from the island of Bali but still in the island

of Java. This new lodge was sponsored by Mr. Soewondo Soerjoamidjojo, who is Perwathin's Coordinating Commissioner for East Java, and until recently, for Bali also. Banyuwangi Lodge was formed on 17th August 1976, and formally approved by Perwathin on 22nd September 1976, then inaugurated by Mr. S. Ramuwisit on behalf of the National President of Perwathin on 20th November 1976. Although this lodge is still very new, it has agreed to organize the next Convention which will take place in March 1978 preceding the Pacific Convention.

During the latest Convention held at Ungaran, Central Java, from 10th to 12th June 1977, we succeeded in re-organizing our Youth Section in accordance with the suggestions given recently by Mr. John Coats. The Indonesian Theosophical Youth Organization had been a separate body from Perwathin. Since our last Convention it has been agreed that it will become part of Perwathin under the leadership of Dr. Soepangat Tr. Soemarto, M. Sc., who has been re-elected Commissioner of the Youth Section of Perwathin.

The Theosophical Society in Indonesia has accepted its turn to organize the Pacific Convention in 1978. We shall probably hold it in the southern part of Surabaya in Batu, Malang, close to a small spiritual centre called "Junggo".

Theosophical books in Indonesian and also Quest books from Australia are having a steady sale. This is, for the time being, the only way we can present theosophical teaching to the public at large.

R. S. SOEJATNO,
Presidential Agent.

BURMA

This is the third annual report I have the privilege of presenting. With the infusion of young blood into the membership of the Section we feel it would not be an exaggeration to say that the joint efforts the members during these years have greatly added to the momentum of the progress of work in the Section as a whole spurred by the members in the previous years. Now that more and more dynamic and forward-looking young members have taken the central positions in the lodges formerly occupied by older members who are retiring due to age, continued acceleration of the tempo of work, in our humble opinion, is quite assured.

Membership.—The Burmese Section is made up of 5 lodges and 3 centres, namely. (1) Olcott Lodge (2) Youth Lodge (3) Bodhi Lodge (4) Lotus Lodge (5) Blavatsky Lodge (6) Taungdwingyi Centre (7) Magwe Centre and (8) Kyaukpyu Centre. The year began with 112 members on the roll and ended with 119 members, showing an increase of 7.

Activities.—The Olcott Lodge, Rangoon is the principal lodge of the Burmese

Section. Under the able Presidentship of Bro. U Than Kyaing and as a result of the energetic efforts of its Secretary, Bro. U Maung Gyi, and Bro. U Tin Hlaing, the work in this lodge has been progressing satisfactorily. Its programme of work covers a wide range of activities—study classes, public lectures, group meditations, group discussions, translation of theosophical works, etc. Sundays were devoted to a study class on *At The Feet of the Master* and "Theosophical Ethics" conducted by Bro. U Than Kyaing. Saturdays were devoted to public lectures. Altogether 20 public lectures on wide-ranging subjects of philosophy, science, religion and Theosophy were held during the year. After the lectures members sat for group meditation on Love, radiating love-force round the world for the spiritual regeneration of man. In addition to the above, all important days such as Annie Besant's Birthday, Foundation Day, Christmas Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Wesak Day and Āsala Day were celebrated. The occult significance of

Wesak and Āsala celebrations drew quite a number of our Buddhist friends to the Society and thus served as an effective means of introducing Theosophy to them. A notable work during the year was done by Bro. U Tin Hlaing with the help of some of his colleagues in rearranging the books of the lodge library and card-indexing them.

We are happy also to note a generous gesture by this lodge which sent during the year over two hundred books on Theosophy to the Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, as a present.

Youth Lodge, Rangoon.—This lodge was reformed during the year and was given a new birth. Unfortunately, it happened to be still-born. We would like to urge younger members to take up the effort to instil life into it and not relax till it regains its pre-war level, as a training ground for service first to the lodge and then to the Society and the world at large.

Bodhi Lodge.—We are sorry to report that, owing to lack of sufficient number of members interested in ceremonial worship, we have not been able to reactivate this lodge, and have to dissolve it in October 1977.

Lotus Lodge, Mandalay.—Since the death of its only leading member Bro. U Kyaw Hla in 1975, this lodge has been in a debilitated condition. During their visit to Mandalay the General Secretary with two other members from Rangoon helped the members there to form a new Executive Committee and elect Bro. U Htay Aung, a younger and energetic member, as its President. Under his able leadership the lodge is now steadily recouping its lost vitality.

Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo.—Since the days when work could be resumed in the lodges after the Second World War, older members had made repeated efforts to resuscitate this lodge but with

successes that were short lived. The work is now being taken up by a younger and energetic member, Bro. U Win Han, a resident of Maymyo, with a freshness of outlook and approach. We hope this time we will be rewarded with enduring success.

During the year we have to pay up a large sum of land-rent and municipal taxes that had fallen in arrears since 1954-55 which nearly depleted the funds of the Section. We have taken the necessary steps to prevent such things happening again.

Other Lodges.—There is nothing particular to report. Their activities are mainly confined to individual study and meditation.

64th Annual Convention.—The 64th Annual Convention was held on 31st October 1976. It was well attended by members and friends. The first lecture on "Theosophists and Occult Power" prepared by Bro. U Šan Maung of Magwe was read by Bro. U Khin Maung Oo. The second lecture on "Theosophy as I See It" was given by Bro. U Tin Hlaing. During the Convention the Annual General Meeting of the members decided to change the Burmese equivalent of the name of the Society "Sabbnuta Nana Athin" to "Bodhi Nana Dhamma Athin" to suit the ears of our Buddhist friends. In order to avoid the inconvenience caused by frequent coincidence of our Annual Conventions with the Kahtein Ceremony (robe offering ceremony to monks) of our Buddhist friends it also decided to hold the Annual Convention on some convenient day in the month of December.

Visit to Upper Burma.—The General Secretary, together with Bros. U Maung Ko and U Tin Hlaing, visited Upper Burma last June. At Mandalay they helped the members there to elect a new Executive Committee, headed by a

younger and more energetic President for their Lodge. From Mandalay they proceeded to Myingyan to explore the possibility of establishing a new lodge there. Bro. U Maung Ko has kindly promised to offer a spacious pucca-building at Myingyan, which he has built for philanthropic purpose, for use as a lodge as long as it does theosophical work. The exploration revealed that it needs more than a few talks and discussions on Theosophy to establish a lodge on new soil. It requires thorough tilling of the soil in preparation by sustained propaganda work beforehand.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Imbued with theosophical ideals, a group of young men desiring to organize the Theosophical Order of Service, joined the Society in 1974, as Man Thutethana Aphwe (Psychical Research Group). Since then every Saturday these young men have been radiating Divine Love to humanity all over the world, healing patients spiritually, and evoking "spiritual regeneration" in human beings. They also study and hold weekly discussions on classical and current theosophical topics.

The meditation is based on the method formulated by Madame Blavatsky in her *Practical Occultism*. The subjects/recipients of this service are (1) all sentient beings existing in the seven planes of the cosmos (2) groups, communities or countries (3) and persons who seek aid.

In the early stages of its formation the group had to face many difficulties such as lack of facilities and resources, some obstacles and even misunderstandings, since it had boldly taken the initiative in a field that had not been previously exploited by any branch of the Society in the Burmese Section. Venturing into an uncharted sea and lacking a precedence to fall back upon (as far as Burma is concerned), the group did not con-

template keeping a record of its findings in the early stages of its inception.

While regular Love Radiation has formed the substratum of its practice, the group has occasionally to do "faith healing" whenever requested, and help individuals to overcome difficulties in their private and personal matters. Patients who are able to come to the Lodge premises are placed in the centre of the group, and the participants encompass him/her with Love Radiation as directed by the conductor.

The group has recently started experimenting, with colour healing. By "colour" we do not mean physical colour as employed by the psychologist, but "occult colour". This method of colour therapy is found to be very efficacious in certain types of malady.

Those subjects or patients who, for some reason are unable to come to the group, receive "thought waves," from a distance. The group, like true Theosophists, does not, however, claim infallibility or finality in its methodology or findings. Being conscious of its humble beginnings and shortcomings, it hopes that in time to come it will receive more guidance not only from Higher Sources but also suggestions from similar groups engaged in the Theosophical Order of Service in other countries.

It is also preparing a report on its experience and findings which it hopes to send out to foreign theosophical groups interested in the subject, so that it could exchange views with them.

Another valuable Theosophical Order of Service work done during the year was the translation into Burmese by Bro. U Tin Hlaing of *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Voice of the Silence*.

Gifts Of Books from Abroad.—The Section continued to receive gifts of valuable books from abroad during the year. Bro. Daw Khin Ma Gyi, a member

of the Olcott Lodge now in America, has kindly sent us three books. The Australian Section has sent seven books and the American Section 100 books. We are sorry to report that out of the 100 books sent by the American Section 35 books went astray on the way at our end. All the books received have been put on the shelves of the Olcott Lodge library. This Lodge can now be proud of its little library with its fine collection of books, with almost all the theosophical classics long absent from its shelves and many Quest books newly brought out by the American Section.

We are glad to report that the International President has kindly promised to present us with Rs. 400 worth of books. We have applied to the Government for an import permit to cover the gift.

Book Depot.—Owing to foreign exchange restrictions we have not been able to procure books from abroad. We have now only a few books left for sale from the old stocks.

Finance.—The Audited Abstract of Receipts and Payments Account for the year (of 13 months) 31st October 1977 with an opening balance of Ks. 5,011.14 and closing balance of Ks. 1,988.23, shows a deficit of Ks. 3,023.21 as against

a surplus of Ks. 734.86 of the previous year. The huge deficit is due to (1) Ks. 2,000 paid against Blavatsky Lodge's land-rent and municipal taxes in arrears from 1954-55 to 1976-77 totalling Ks. 1,715 plus Ks. 285 for badly needed repairs to the Blavatsky Lodge (2) cost of cyclostyled Burmese translations of *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Voice of the Silence*—printing and paper expenses, over K. 1,100, and (3) increased postage expenses.

In conclusion, in order that we may keep ourselves in tune with the intentions of the Inner Founders of the Society and in order that we may not deviate from the true path in our search for truth, we are tempted to quote the following lines from the Maha Chohan's Letter: "It is not the individual and determined purpose of attaining oneself Nirvana (the culmination of all knowledge and absolute wisdom) which is after all only an exalted and glorious selfishness, but the self-sacrificing pursuit of the best means to lead on the right path our neighbour, to cause as many of our fellow creatures as we possibly can to benefit by it, which constitutes the true theosophist".

KYAW SEIN,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

There are no special features to be reported regarding the work of the Society in Austria during the last year. It went on regularly in all the four places where the Society is active. Membership showed an increase of five standing now at 244. The Summer School at Pichl was again attended by about 80 members, 34 from Austria, 21 from Germany, 8 from Switzerland, the rest from other countries.

Emphasis lay on our publishing work. The 'Adyar-Verlag' at Graz published a German translation of H.P.B.'s *Practical Occultism* and the first volume of a German edition of *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, containing the letters from October 1880 to February 1882 in chronological order, with commentaries and footnotes by the undersigned, besides a fifth reprint of *At the Feet of the Master*

(total copies printed until now 15,000) and *The Voice of the Silence* (8,500 copies printed until now), together with a second reprint of C. Jinarājadāsa's *The World as Idea, Emotion and Will* (this latter book printed at the Vasanta Press in Adyar). Still in the press in England is the German edition of *The Universal Flame*.

Our quarterly *Adyar* continues with a circulation of more than 1,000 copies. Besides the 630 members of the Austrian and German Section and the German-speaking part of the Swiss Section, we have about 350 other subscribers (some of them from as far away as Australia and Venezuela). About 50 copies are bought by the Sections and Branches for propaganda purposes.

Regarding the activities of the Society itself the situation is somewhat problematic. There are no real difficulties at present and membership is stable, if not increasing. Also the age structure is not bad. Of the members who joined during the last three years, 30% were aged between 30 and 40 years, and 25% beneath 30. The problem lies in another direction. Most of the younger members join because they are interested in a general way in spiritual things, they enjoy our large libraries and they make use of our premises as meeting places. But they have no special interest in, let alone an allegiance to, the Theosophical Society as a Society. They would join any other association if it

offered them the same opportunities. So they are usually not willing to take office and the administrative work rests in the hands of a few older members in their seventies. In this the situation differs fundamentally from that of 50 years ago when I joined the Society.

At that time, one of the main attractions for us was to belong to a worldwide Society and the T.S., as a Society, was for the members of that time as important as Theosophy itself. At present the younger members have only a rather loose connection with the Society and it is doubtful whether that will suffice as a foundation for our work in the future. This reluctance to commit themselves is partly due to the fact that at present we have no special teaching to offer that cannot be obtained from other sources nor is "Universal Brotherhood" an exclusive possession of our Society—on the contrary, there exist other organizations much more effective in that respect. So, if the Theosophical Society is to survive as a really vital organism, and not only as the caretaker of a museum of precious, but not unique knowledge, we shall have to ponder the question, what have we to offer to the world that is unique that is not just one body of teachings amongst many other similar ones?

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

Besides the usual work of the branches consisting of regular closed and open meetings with lectures and discussion about selected subjects, the Norwegian Section has been able to extend its activities in several new directions.

In the autumn of 1976 the Society was asked by the physician of the State Prison

outside Oslo to assist in the cultural activities of a group of prisoners with an informative evening about Theosophy. After a lecture on the subject, two members of the T.S. and the writer had a long discussion with the group, with the result that two participants have become members of our Society. One has, in the

meantime, been released and the other is occupied with serious studies. Our library is supplying books.

In the middle of November the well known Danish lecturer, Mr. Henry Ytting, visited Oslo and two interesting public meetings took place.

The Library has been revised and the stock of books for sale considerably increased which has brought about good results.

In the new year, a campaign was started at Oslo University to bring Theosophy to the attention of the students. Reprints of a lecture by Mr. Arne Hansen and questionnaires were distributed, and among other responses the Society was requested to hold a lecture on Theosophy for a group of students of the Historical

Religious Faculty. Several of them became seriously interested.

Our theosophical journal *TiN* published in cooperation with the Swedish Section, appeared in four issues and so did our domestic periodical *Mini-TiN* which is much appreciated by the members. In the endeavour to make theosophical ideas known more widely, *TiN* plays an important part, as it is sent to every library in the country known and as well as to other institutions.

During the last year, four of our members have passed to the other side, but the total membership has increased to 144.

HILDA FRASER,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

Dissolved

DENMARK

Looking back on the past year I think that the key word has been cooperation. We have increased our activities especially in Copenhagen and Horsens. In Copenhagen we continue our two public meetings from September to May. Every Tuesday a series of lectures with the general title "Theosophy—a Philosophy of Life," is presented by a few experienced lecturers and members. On Saturdays we have more mixed titles, and often we invite lecturers from related movements to come and speak. Our lectures are well attended and many new people appear regularly. After each lecture we have a break in which we serve refreshments, the participants have an opportunity to borrow books from our rather large

library or to buy books in the bookshop. Afterwards, they can question the speaker. All our public meetings have been very well attended.

The small but valuable book, *Light on the Path*, has been reprinted in Adyar at a very favourable price and for this we are very grateful.

From 9th July-15th July, our Summer School took place at Grundtvig High-school in Hillerød, about 40 km. from Copenhagen. In connection with the Summer School the European Council meeting took place. The keynote was "Together—Differently", and about 110 participants contributed to it by their thoughts and lives and speeches. The Guest of Honour was the International

President, Mr. John Coats. Representatives from nine European countries and from overseas shared the high standard of lectures and group discussions in both Danish and English.

After some trouble with our centre in Copenhagen we decided to sell it, and shortly afterwards we hired a suitable place for our activities. This new, large and spacious apartment was very suitable but needed to be modernised. However,

shortly after the Summer School, an eager group of members invaded the place and transformed it into a beautiful centre, and when the season started on 1st September everything was ready. As a whole, the past year has been a very active one. Forty joined the Section, two passed away, and 15 resigned or dropped out giving a total membership of 403.

HARDY BENNIS,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

On the whole we have had a very good year. A great deal of interest has been manifested especially among young people.

Membership has risen sharply. However, we lost a valuable member in the person of Mr. Arnold Marsh who died recently. Mr. Marsh was a noted humanitarian and had been a great friend of AE (George Russell) and a member of the Theosophical Society in the old days in Dublin.

In May we had a welcome visit from Mrs. Katie Hogg of Cheltenham who gave an illustrated talk on "The Human Atmosphere" to a large and enthusiastic audience. In October we enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Joyce Beavis who lectured on "Theosophy and Modern Thought" to a most appreciative audience.

DOROTHY EMERSON,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

The Section has a total of 359 members.

The lodges have had very good programmes last year. In Piedras Negras, the lodges studied books by C. W. Leadbeater, Annie Besant and I. K. Taimni. Huatusco's lodges used books by Leadbeater and Besant, while Armonia Lodge in Guadalajara studied books by Pavri and Taimni. Alfa Lodge in Puebla and Luz de Occidente in Tijuana also used books by Taimni, among others. El Tibet Lodge, Orizaba, reported that they used various theosophical books for study. No report was received from Conde de

San German Lodge, Tijuana, Merida Lodge, Merida, and Estrella de Horus Lodge, Veracruz.

Mrs. Radha Burnier visited the Section and gave four talks to members and one to the public. Mr. Walter Ballesteros also visited the Section, giving four talks on the writings of Dr. Taimni to members.

The Annual Convention was held 3-4 December and was well attended by members from all over the country.

JUANA S. DE SUAREZ DEL REAL,
General Secretary.

CANADA

Last year's Annual Report dealt with the then recent incorporation of The Theosophical Society in Canada. In retrospect, the decision to take this step is seen as reasonable and practical, especially because of the increasing importance and indeed necessity for even small organizations like ours to have a legal identity.

In this regard, it is interesting to note that during the year four more of our lodges took similar steps. That is to say, they applied for incorporation under their appropriate provincial legislation. This makes a total of seven lodges that have so far taken such initiative.

It was also reported last year that the Section had applied to the Department of National Revenue to be registered as a charitable organization for income-tax purposes. Our application was eventually approved, with the effective date of November 1, 1976.

These matters, while important from an organizational point of view, do not of course affect our regular activities as units of the Theosophical Society. Our new status, however, and that of the lodges which have also been incorporated, will undoubtedly prove advantageous in the long run.

In the way of activities there is little new to report this year. One of the principal programmes of the T.S. in Canada, that of placing books in university libraries, is inevitably irregular and, except for additional universities entering the programme from time to time, it will be dormant until the publication of the next volume in the *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings* series.

It is a pleasure to report that one activity of the T.S. in Canada, one that is as old as the Section itself, continues to function regularly. Our magazine, *The*

Canadian Theosophist, is now in its 58th year of publication and continues to maintain its editorial policy of presenting Theosophy in the tradition of the original teachings and to provide a platform for the free expression of opinion. A new feature has been introduced in which *The Secret Doctrine* is considered in the light of current thought in the fields of religion, philosophy and science. Specifically, the aim is to assemble ideas expressed in modern writings which can be quoted by way of illustration or elucidation of any part of *The Secret Doctrine*, or which would serve as up-to-date substitutes for *S.D.* quotations taken from 19th century works. The initial reaction to this new section of the magazine has been encouraging and it is hoped that readers will continue to suggest suitable items for inclusion.

Membership in the Canadian Section stood at 293 on September 30, 1976, a decrease of 19 from the previous reporting year. It is always disappointing to see our number fall below 300, however Theosophical Society populations tend to fluctuate and the present figure is just one or two higher than that reported in 1961. In the intervening fifteen years we have been fairly steady although occasionally elated with temporary high peaks.

In the T.S. we are, fortunately, not preoccupied with numbers and do not proselytize for members. Our aim should rather be to channel our efforts in presenting Theosophy to the general public so that the finest minds are attracted to the Society, and to continue to build our organization on the basis of theosophical quality rather than numerical quantity.

A number of business trips to various parts of Canada during the year enabled

the General Secretary to make brief visits to several of our centres. On those occasions, when stopovers in Toronto were possible and practical, meetings of the Board of Directors were held and thanks are due to the Ontario Directors for their cooperation in adjusting to a rather unpredictable schedule.

The General Secretary also travelled from his home in Calgary to Vancouver in August, 1976, for a private meeting with the International President. Mr. Coats was attending a theosophical Summer Camp in the north western United States at the time and kindly motored to Vancouver to make this meeting possible.

The enormous size of this country with the inevitable vast distances between most of our centres is an inhibiting factor in the work of the Canadian Section. The cost of travel has greatly increased in recent years, making things

even more difficult. But, at least in the larger cities, it is possible for like-minded members and adherents to get together. Many of our members-at-large, however, are quite isolated from theosophical activities. So also are a number of members, still attached to a lodge, but who now live in remote areas. How to assist these members to participate more fully in the affairs of the Society is a matter now being studied.

As mentioned earlier, there is little Section activity to report for the year under review, but it should not be forgotten that the important activities of the Society are usually channelled through the lodges, and across the country a wide variety of programmes continues to be presented by the local branches.

TED G. DAVY,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

In October 1976, the Theosophical Society in Argentina finally bought the premises for its work in the city of Mar del Plata.

During November 1976, three representatives were sent to a Congress on "The Child and Television", organized by the Argentine Government and held at the University of Cordoba. The positive and negative effects of T.V. on the child were discussed and recommendations were made. The T.S. delegates took an active part, submitting a paper many of whose items appeared in the general conclusions.

A National Theosophical Congress was held in Buenos Aires to consider the items discussed in New York and Adyar during the Centennial Celebrations. Five study groups were formed

of the 60 members attending. The groups worked for a week and the reports were read at a general meeting. A seminar was also held in the morning, discussing theoretical and practical problems concerning meditation.

In 1977, the Annual Congress and the Summer School were the first national activities this year. Mrs. Radha Burnier was the Guest Speaker, her presence and teachings adding to the general success. The Summer School was held in Rio Ceballos, Province of Cordoba, over 200 people attending. Members from six Latin American countries were present, among them the General Secretary of the T.S. in Mexico, the Vice-President of the Chilean Section, and representatives from Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil and Uruguay. Plans were made

for the theosophical work during the whole year.

On May 8th the premises in Mar del Plata were officially inaugurated. The General Secretary being ill, one of the Counsellors acted on his behalf.

During June 17th-20th a Doctrinary Congress was held in the City of Rosario, more than 30 members from all over the country being present. The discussion groups worked independently and there was a general debate and some public lectures.

Lodges Maitreya and Silencio, in the city of Bahia Blanca, decided to work together as one lodge under the name of Maitreya.

A theosophical group is working in Comodoro Rivadavia, a southern city,

with eight active and enthusiastic new members. Plans for the rest of the year include visits to this city and also to the cities of Mendoza, San Juan, San Rafael, Cordoba, Rosario and Tucuman.

Brother Juan Viñas ended his term of office as General Secretary on August 20th. At that time a Congress was held in the city of Buenos Aires where the new General Secretary took over. The theosophical work will be carried on along the lines of the previous Council whose dedication and constant effort resulted in a period of fruitful labour.

JUAN B. CASSIBBA,
General Secretary.

CHILE

The work in the Theosophical Society in Chile was arduous but it achieved positive results.

The Section is composed of six lodges, three in Santiago and three in Valparaiso. Their studies were based on theosophical authors and 75% of the members took part in the meetings which were held every day of the week. Talks have been given on Saturday afternoons in Valparaiso as well as in Santiago. The lecturers were members and a few visitors from other countries. The public attended in great numbers and some of them have joined the Society.

During the period there were nine meetings of the Directing Committee with the President and the Council members. The main resolutions which were taken during those meetings resulted in the following:

On 3rd November 1976 lodge councils were established in each town. They are composed of one delegate from each

lodge and they are responsible for publicity in press and radio, for the annual celebrations and for all other relevant matters.

There are workshops to train members to explain Theosophy.

Recently a branch of the "Theosophical Order of Service" has been formed under the leadership of Sister Fresia Kessra.

The correspondence received and sent within this country and abroad was brought to the knowledge of the Committee in numerous meetings.

Libraries with theosophical classes will be opened for the public. Assistants who will attend to the public have been instructed.

On 12th October diplomas were presented to several members, an event which had not happened for a number of years.

We are carrying out a thorough study of the national rules and regulations in order to revise them.

Members from Chile attended Youth Congresses, Summer Schools and meetings of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

At the end of 1976 a Centre of Light was opened in Chile, after 11 members had applied to join the St. Michael's Centre in the Netherlands.

The Annual Convention took place in Valparaiso on 1.8.1977 and was attended by nearly all members.

During the present period 21 new members joined the Section.

RAQUEL E. DE MODROW,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

The period corresponding to this administrative year of the Theosophical Society in Brazil was characterized by a great productivity, registering considerable intensification of work in all divisions.

Number of Members.—A small number of members left the Theosophical Society. The figures mentioned below show the development in the last four years: 1974—810; 1975—956; 1976—1,024; 1977—1,004.

Lodges.—There are 38 active lodges. Besides the usual work of these lodges, the activity in the group of Young Theosophists at the Raja Centre and at the Theosophical Pitagoras Institution, both in São Paulo, is great, all performing the work in the spirit of our mutual ideas, although acting along their particular lines of work.

Activities.—During the period included in this Report, the National Section held a Course of the School of Wisdom in 1976, and in this year an Advanced Course of Theosophy. Besides this, and in accordance with our traditions, all great events of the T.S. were commemorated. In January 1977, there was inauguration at the Theosophical Raja Centre, in São Paulo, of a plaque to commemorate the excellent work performed by our late dear brother Armando Sales. Also at the Raja Centre in February of this

year a Seminar of Yoga was held with more than 120 people attending, the majority accommodated there. In April of this year at the Raja Centre we had the National Convention dedicated to the subject "The Theosophical Society in Its Second Century", with the presence of Sister Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section.

Besides these activities, we may mention the holding of a World Youth Camp in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, with young people representing Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, France, Holland and Vietnam.

The National Section took part in the "Winter School" organized by the Argentine Section, in which Brazil was well represented.

Publications.—The activity of the T.S. in this field continues strongly as we maintain contracts with four of our greatest publishing houses for publication of theosophical books. Among the books already published we can include the following: *Man and His Bodies*—Annie Besant, *The Voice of the Silence*—H.P.B., *The Christian Creed*—C. W. Leadbeater, *The Hidden Side of Things*—C. W. Leadbeater, *The Astral Plane*—C. W. Leadbeater, *Invisible Helpers*—C. W. Leadbeater, *Up to Two Thousand Compared Prophecies*—Carlos Sousa Neves. Also we are republishing *The*

Ancient Wisdom—Annie Besant and *The Masters and the Path*—C. W. Leadbeater, and we are preparing a new edition of *The Secret Doctrine* besides various books of I. K. Taimni.

Actually, the Portuguese-speaking public—about 130 millions—has now at its disposal not less than 36 titles of theosophical books and there is an increasing demand.

The official organ of the T.S. in Brazil, *O Teosofista*, continues to be issued regularly in its 66th year of existence, publishing articles by our members, besides the translations of chosen theosophical works, and spreading the theosophical teaching in our country.

Propaganda.—At present the T.S. in Brazil contributes three weekly columns in newspapers of São Paulo, which serves to stimulate theosophical activities. There are several basic courses giving good results.

The General Secretary is developing an important activity by lecturing in several cities of the country and lately he visited the lodges in Porto Alegre, Curitiba, Belo Horizonte, São Paulo and Brasília.

Several brothers were cooperating with this work. We mention among others, the names of Sister Carmen Pizza and Brothers Marcus Flavius de los Santos, Joao Batista de Brito Pinto and Olavo Desire Dantas.

Important Visitors.—We had this year the pleasure to receive once more a visit from our Sister Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, who with great success delivered twelve lectures in the lodges of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte and Brasília, which were prominently reported in our newspapers, radios and TV.

Ecumenism.—The National Section has been intensively working in this sector. Several representations of various religions have been invited to come to our public meetings to give their messages, following in this way the old and honorable tradition of the T.S.

Premises: With great pleasure we register the acquisition of a building for the lodges of Brasília, where the work is developing in an efficient manner with an increasing audience.

The acquisition of a property for the Porto Alegre lodges and another for the Theosophical Community in Rio is being considered and we have also received a generous donation by a brother to the T.S. of some land of about 200,000 square metres located near Brasília.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Under the new directorship, the T.O.S. is being restructured with the following departments: Social Service, Ecology, Animal Welfare, World Cooperation, Arts and Crafts and Spirituality. At present, the T.O.S. is spreading over the various states of the country and it has published a bulletin, besides other publications.

Science Group.—A Group of Science and Education is being formed and it will be officially recognized within the next months. At present a great number of members of the T.S. are linked to those activities with the aim of giving an impetus to theosophical science and education. To belong to this group a university degree is necessary.

Thanks.—We thank all our brothers in the administration, the presidents of lodges and all T.S. members who in some way contributed to the work of the T.S. in Brazil.

MURILLO NUNES DE AZEVEDO,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

During this period, activities in the Section have been much the same as in previous years. Public lectures are given every Friday as usual at the Headquarters in Reykjavik which houses the activity of the six lodges of the capital. The regular meditation classes, also open to the public, were maintained each Wednesday and twice a week there was instruction in hatha yoga for members only.

The lodges also maintained study courses. These were open to all members and included a series of lectures and practical study, Jung's depth psychology and tantric meditation. In the spring there was an "Open House" by young Theosophists on Saturday afternoons. At least two lodges outside Reykjavik also held regular meetings each fortnight.

At the Annual Convention held in May, Mr. Gudjon B. Baldvinsson retired from the position of General Secretary and was succeeded by Mr. Einar Adalsteinsson.

Two summer schools were held, one in Akureyri in the North, where Sigvaldi Hjalmarsson held a series of talks, and the other the Section's annual summer school at Fludir in Southern Iceland where about 60 members practised brotherhood for five days of meditation and study. During the summer we also had a visit from the Venerable Maha Thera Piyadassi from Sri Lanka who gave lectures on Buddhism and meditation.

The two periodicals, *Mundilfari* and *Gangleri*, maintain contact with members and the general public. *Mundilfari*, a small pamphlet sent free to all members, includes information on theosophical work and sectional activity and is issued bimonthly, whereas *Gangleri* remains the condensed digest magazine on spiritual matters intended for the general public.

Of our present plans, two deserve a special mention, one being that of painting the outside of the house to conclude an expensive repair work begun two years ago, and the other that of reorganising the publication activity of the Section so as to make available a selection of books on spiritual matters in Icelandic.

It has been our good fortune for many decades now to be a leader in the furthering of spiritual and esoteric "new-thinking" in this country. We have made a point of keeping ourselves in the background and our work in the foreground. We try to introduce wide but selected outlines of the spiritual world of today to the public, mainly through *Gangleri* and the open lectures, and to give opportunity to the members to delve deep into the quest of esoteric life and lore.

It is our hope that this may bear fruit in a richer and truer life for humanity.

EINAR ADALSTEINSSON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

The great event for the Theosophical Society in Spain is that during this year the Society in our country has been legalized. Because of that, we have opened two branches, one in Madrid and the other in Barcelona, in the very heart of both cities.

The great expense in both cities for such new premises, including furniture and decoration, has been surprisingly covered by the new members. There remain hardly any from former times, to recognize the silent work done on behalf of Theosophy during the last forty years.

Newspaper and radio interviews and a public lecture in Barcelona have taken place. Because of that, many people from different places are taking an interest in Theosophy.

We receive the *Inter-American Bulletin* for our members, also much theosophical literature from Latin America, and from the Inter-American Federation.

In one of the more religious cities in Spain, Tarrasa, the branch delivers one public lecture every month, in a Vegetarian Society. The first one had the subject: "The Revival of Theosophy in Tarrasa". The lecture was advertised on Radio Tarrasa and in the local press.

Because the three branches in Barcelona had combined, we have now in Spain eight active branches.

To carry Theosophy to the public, what we need most is to create workers, helpers in the work of the Society. Let us hope we can do so.

S. TORRA PALA,
Presidential Agent.

PORTUGAL

The year under review has seen the work continue satisfactorily in Portugal. Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day were all celebrated as usual. Public meetings at Headquarters were held almost every week. Outstanding lectures included "Theosophy and Christianity", "St. Francis of Assisi and the Universal Goodness", "White Lotus Day", "Theosophy and Fraternity" and "Astrology in the Light of Theosophy".

There was a series of symposia about "Pedagogy of the Adult" which were very interesting and attracted many young people.

As usual, Dr. Cesina Bermudes gave in Portuguese the lectures that had been delivered at the Summer School of Montreux-Territet. Each was followed by a

discussion. This is a very important line of service as most of our members are unable to go to the summer schools and they are unable to understand foreign languages.

At the Christmas Festival we had a beautiful gathering for children and adults with music and poetry presented by a group of members of "Isis" which possesses a great number of young people. Among the activities of our young people must be mentioned a week of "Reflection and Convivium" held during the summer holidays in a monastery near the sea. Its theme was "Self-Knowledge; Why and What For?"

In the year under report the Section suffered a great loss in the passing to the Light of our Brother, Professor Delio Nobre Santos, who had been a strong

pillar of the Theosophical Society since he entered it at 16. He had been General Secretary for many years and, for the last three years of his life, President of the General Convention. His life was a true example of the spirit of Brotherhood. Until his death in March, he had been conducting a course on "Theosophical Aspects of Christianity" in his Lodge where he also took part in every general meeting. He also went to the South and the North to help in the work of the branches there.

There are still 13 Lodges in the Section. In July we closed the activities of the

Headquarters with a symposium about "Branches and their Function."

Some of our members were able to attend the International Week at Huizen and the English Summer School at High Leigh. Others went to Italy to take part in the French Summer School. It was the first time in recent years that so many members of the Section were able to go to England to take part in a theosophical gathering.

We have a membership of 299.

MARIA GUILHERMINA NOBRE SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

The report from the Welsh Section for the year ending 30th September 1977 seems to be scant in matter, but this is due to the fact that the year under review has been one of quiet work without spectacular happenings either good or bad.

The membership has crept upwards a little, but only a little, and this is largely to the credit of Anglesey Lodge. It is a strange thing that although money is spent on advertising the Society in South and North Wales, and upon the Island Anglesey, the results obtained are minute indeed. In Cardiff, where the buses have been used for advertising for nearly a year, not one enquirer has come our way. It does seem that only by the efforts of

members with other people is any result obtained; money spent brings little or nothing.

Within the lodges much good work has been done with study groups, regular lectures, and, especially with the young people, a great deal of social contact. On the Island of Anglesey, the President has been teaching the members of the lodge how to climb mountains. This, surely, must be unique and it certainly forges strong links between the members quite apart from those of their formal lodge work.

We go into a new year of work with enthusiasm.

CHARLES JAMES,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

During the period 1976-1977 the Uruguayan Section continued working regularly.

The Directive Council met monthly taking care of the administration and the smooth working of our Headquarters offices as well as of the Library Hall.

In November 1976 our Annual Convention took place and representatives of the eleven branches that form our Society attended. Following suggestions from Adyar a Committee was appointed with the purpose of revising our By-Laws. After long deliberation the draft for their modification was ready and these revised By-Laws have to be examined and approved by the Government authorities before they can take effect.

According to our present By-Laws, our Society ought to renew the Directive Council every three years and complying with it an Extraordinary General Assembly was held to elect the new Council for 1977-1980. The election was held on 27th August 1977 under the scrutiny of two officers of the Elective Court of Uruguay. Brother Justo V. de la Vega was re-elected General Secretary.

Our Annual Convention was held on August 27th with a good attendance of members. Representatives of the eleven branches read reports on the activities during the year. Several branches continue holding meetings during the summer months; other branches discontinue their activities and yet others organize camps in the nearby bathing resorts.

In general the branches devote their time to the study of the classical texts of Theosophy; then after the meetings the members comment on the reading and further information is given. This in-

formation is of interest to the members and to visitors or to those who like the theme and attend the meeting. Admission is free and every time it is at each meeting possible to see people who have come for the first time because they want to know the message hidden in the theosophical teaching.

Public meetings were held to study such books as *Self-Culture* by Taimni, *Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom*, by Winner; *Visible and Invisible Worlds*; *Music Forms* by Hodson; *The Mind and Consciousness*; by Taimni; *The Secret Doctrine* by H.P.B. Members of the Society have given public lectures on Unexplained Laws of Nature; The Siddhis; The Science of Kriya-Yoga; Reincarnation; Karma; Mysticism; The Symbology of Shiva-Linga; Theosophy; Knowledge of Ancient Times; Life in the Subtle Worlds; The Plan of Evolution; The Origin of the Word; Life After Death; The Monad; as well as several works by Krishnamurti. There were ample audiences of members and visitors.

Our Section celebrated all the great theosophical dates: 17th November; "Adyar Day"; "White Lotus Day"; as well as the 7th January, the 52nd anniversary of the foundation of The Theosophical Society in Uruguay.

We are keeping active contact with the authorities of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation (F.T.I.) with headquarters in Buenos Aires. *The Universal Flame*, translated into Spanish and published by F.T.I., has been bought. Our Section has a beautiful library that is very much used by the members.

The membership on September 30 was 180.

JUSTO V. DE LA VEGA,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

There are two lodges functioning in the Section, Sendero de Luz in Ponce and La Voz del Silencio in San Juan. Member-

ship has increased by twelve to 90.

ARAMIS LOPEZ TIRADO,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

There are four branches at present. The total number of members is 101, an increase of one over the previous year.

There are weekly meetings in Lodges "Service" and "Harmony", and members of Lodges "Truth" and "Understanding" come together fortnightly.

During the year under report the General Secretary visited all four branches and gave lectures to the members present. She also visited individual members in different places. Besides this she held a seminar for about 100 members of an institute called "Ganymed" from Frankfurt in Germany who take their holidays on our island of Krk. She spoke to them about "Karma", "Reincarnation", "Constitution of Man", "Life after Death", and "H.P.B.'s Biography", giving altogether eight talks. Many of the listeners wanted to know where to get literature on these subjects and as they were German-speaking, she gave them the address of Adyar-Verlag, Graz.

The highlight of the Section's activities was the Summer School held in Gozd Martuljek from 17th to 24th September with our International President as Guest Speaker. It was opened by a ceremony

of bread and salt, an ancient Slavonic custom performed at the reception of a distinguished guest. A circle was formed by over forty participants and after our President was honored by this ceremony all the others got a small piece of bread and salt. After this ritual our President sang in full brightness of the sun the *Gayatri* mantra. In this way our Lord was praised and glorified before the beginning of our work which ended also with the *Gayatri* mantra, but with an even large circle than at the opening. Our President gave talks every day and our secretaries Emilio and Rasko from Beograd were his translators. The keynote of the Summer School was: "The Light on the Path". There were also other speakers including myself. It was truly a happy and harmonious time with so many newcomers, young people, fellow-members and guests of which three were from abroad.

Greetings received from different parts, including one from Adyar written by the Secretary Dr. Jean Raymond, were warmly welcomed.

MILA GRUBACEVIC,
General Secretary.

SRI LANKA

No Report

GREECE

The Greek Section continues working regularly. The number of active members is 252, 198 of them in Athens.

There are four active lodges in Athens, and one in Salonica. In Athens we have three lodge meetings weekly.

We are not very strong economically.

The magazine *Ilissos* continues its publication for the 22nd year with 3,300

subscribers.

We were overjoyed by the visit of our International President, Mr. John Coats, in September. This visit contributed to the increase of interest in the theosophical movement in Greece.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Regarding the activities of the lodges of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, the rhythm of studies was maintained in the meetings, and the theosophical festivals were celebrated with great devotion.

The Lodge Luz in Panama is working

in the best possible way, although with some difficulties. Lodge Tegucigalpa in Honduras is still inactive, but an effort is being made to revive it.

CARMEN AGUILAR ALVAREZ,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

Dissolved

PHILIPPINES

From the proceeds of a concert given by a good friend, Dr. Gilopez Kabayao—a violin virtuoso and internationally known artist and from other sources, we were able to introduce improvements in our Headquarters Hall with provisions for air-conditioning and some creature comforts. The general appearance of

the place has also been improved. All in all, something is being done towards a more suitable and presentable physical centre for theosophical work in the future.

Three important events may be considered as highlights of this year's activities. The first was the Tea-Musicale held

on May 2nd which, as mentioned, had Dr. Gilopez Kabayao and his pianist wife as the performing artists. The invitation tickets sent only to selected friends and sympathizers offered a sumptuous merienda, and only requested voluntary contributions to help the Society in its work. The response and attendance exceeded our expectations. Also the Society gained favourable mention in the press, especially because of the prominence of our performing artist.

The Annual Convention.—Our Convention date coincided with White Lotus Day, and so there was double reason to celebrate. The Convention theme, "The Relevance of Theosophy in Modern Times," was also the subject of the National President's talk as well as the subject taken up in the Workshop in the afternoon. Some members, looking for instant results with the minimum of effort which they cannot find in Theosophy, go "shopping around" from one occult group to another. The theme was chosen partly to correct such misconceptions. This was the first time in many years that we limited our Convention to a one-day event; the difficulty of finding a suitable venue (as Headquarters was already undergoing repairs and renovation at the time) which members could afford, led to the compromise. Activities were trimmed down, but there was no idle minute in the day. From early morning to evening there was something going on. As usual, the traditional candlelight ceremony capped the day's activities.

A resolution introduced by the National President, endorsing the suggestion made by Mr Geoffrey Hodson for a fourth object of the Society, namely: "To Affirm the Continuance of the Mystery Tradition", was unanimously approved by those present. It is the hope of the Convention that Mr. Hodson's proposal

will eventually be incorporated as part of the Society's objectives.

Mrs. Gool Minwalla's Visit.—The third, and certainly not the least of these highlights, was Mrs. Minwalla's visit to the Section from July 1st to 8th. Some years ago we had been trying to entice Mrs. Gool Minwalla to be our guest, but it is only this year that she finally found the time immediately after her tour of Australia and before going back to Pakistan. It was an utterly beautiful week but must have been too hectic for our guest. She tackled two public lectures, two lodge visits one of which was up in Northern Luzon, a whole-day seminar, a special question and answer session, unscheduled TV and Radio interviews, on the same day, a visit to a Montessori centre and side trips to downtown Manila. We look forward to another and longer visit from her.

Activities at Headquarters Level.—An ambitious study programme was started in March and was divided into three parts; Part I: "An Introduction to the Ancient Wisdom" was subdivided into five two-hour sessions for one whole week; Is There a Purpose to Life? Teachings as to Nature and Man; Life Death and Immortality; The One Life in All; Approaches to the Deeper Problems of Life; Part II: "Your Hidden Potentials" with five sub-topics: Nature's Cyclic Processes; Man the Thinker; The Powers of the Mind; The Divinity Within; Creative Awareness; Part III: "Explorations in Selfhood", subdivided into: The Many and One; The Path of Forthgoing and Return: The Living Presence Within; Yogic Pathways; Meditation. To pursue these subjects continuously can be very taxing for the class leaders, who come from work and go straight on to Headquarters for the two-hour sessions in the evening. Also when attendance is irregular, morale goes down.

Each month had a special theme which served as a guideline to the different subjects and talks given. For example, the November programmes focussed on the work of the Theosophical Society, and a workshop on the subject, "Why are we in the Theosophical Society?" was delineated by the different members of the Board. Many weeks, too, were devoted to "The Mystery Tradition" by the General Secretary, and an equal number of weeks on different religions. Science subjects as related to or supporting theosophical teachings attracted a goodly crowd. Two prominent scientists were guests on different occasions, during "Present Findings in Modern Science". One was the TOYM awardee, Dr. Romulo Ricafranca, and the other was Dr. Helen Mendoza of the State University. One of the biggest attendances we ever had, which filled Headquarters Hall and the ground floor to overflowing, was for a talk given by Dr. So Chaw Yee, a famous Chinese sage who is much sought after by businessmen of the Chinese community.

Important dates on the theosophical calendar were properly celebrated. The Christmas celebration on the 19th of December was notable for the participation of children in the programme. A pre-Christmas carolling to a few selected friends helped bolster our building-fund. Easter had Rev. Jose Cabrera as the principal speaker.

Lodges.—Of the 19 lodges in the Section, fifteen are doing very well mainly due to the vitalization campaign we undertook and to the initiative of the lodge presidents who conducted good, well researched study-meetings. The vitalization campaign also produced a number of knowledgeable members. Two of the weak lodges have merged while two others have merged with two strong lodges. One lodge in the North had started

building, out of its own funds, a modest headquarters, but damage done by a recent earthquake and the unavailability of funds has temporarily stopped its plans. Another out-of-town lodge, Cabanatuan, which regularly meets in a classroom of the Nueva Ecija High School every Saturday evening, has had to look for new quarters for itself, as a result of a clamp-down on the use of public school buildings by other organizations. Cebu Lodge in the Visayas has the use of its own rooms in a building owned by its late president, Atty. Sanchez, but is still campaigning for funds to have its own headquarters. Most of the lodges meet in the private homes of their members while our biggest lodge, Rizaliana, has the advantage of meeting at the Headquarters building every Sunday afternoon. The Kaisahan Lodge in Makati makes use of the Dasmarinas Club House air-conditioned library, for their meetings on alternate Tuesday evenings. Pandacan, one of our vitally alive lodges, has started studies on *The Secret Doctrine*, and also concentrated on the subject of "The Christ." Manila Lodge, the second oldest in the Section, is going into an in-depth study of Geoffrey Hodson's *The Call to the Heights*. The study group in Tapan, Marinduque, has recently organized itself into a lodge and has forwarded its application to be chartered by Adyar.

Membership.—There is an increase of 20 in the total membership as compared to that of last year. There is also a bigger increase in new admissions but, for once in a decade, we have registered two resignations. This comparatively poor showing can be partly due to the inroads of other groups who come to our headquarters meetings, soak up our philosophy, then start groups of their own, emphasizing the cultivation of psychic powers among themselves and pulling out some of our members who may

not yet be strongly established in the teachings.

Lodge Vitalization Visits.—As in previous years, one of the things that lodges, especially those far from the National Centre, look forward to with happy anticipation are visits from the National President and lecturers from Manila. Our two lodges in the North, Munoz and Cabanatuan, were visited twice by us this year, once in March and again in July in company with Mrs. Minwalla. Silahis lodge is a kind of "reincarnation" of Narra lodge which lived barely a year and quickly fizzled out. The new President and organizing hand is Mr. Juni (Francisco) Padua Jr., who makes it a point to travel to Manila for the latest books for his lodge. Lodges near Manila were visited periodically.

Other Public Talks, TV and Radio Interviews.—We are sometimes invited by other organisations to speak to their groups. The National Secretary, Mr. Vic Hao Chin, spoke to a Masonic group at the Plaridel Masonic Temple. Atty. Mario Zapata spoke to a ladies' group in Pacific Avenue on "Karma"; I was invited by the Rotary Club of the University District to speak on their Holy Week Programme "Golden Secrets in the Gospel Stories". The Moral Rearmament groups of the Philippines also extended an invitation to speak to them on "Reincarnation", and then again on "The Ancient Wisdom in a Modern Age"; a meditation group that meets regularly in Quezon City also requested a talk on "Yoga Practices". Immediately before Hallowèen, TV Channel 4 requested a taped interview on "The Life after Death", then a live show on "Reincarnation" the following day. The visit of Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla was also featured; she appeared on a TV on-the-spot interview and gave a radio talk on Theosophy.

The Healing Group.—The only active department at present in our T.O.S. is the Healing Group. It is headed by Miss Rosario Cafuir and meets regularly every Saturday from 7.00 to 7.30 p.m. We have recently received from the International President, Mr. J. B. S. Coats, the new *Healing Ritual* and the *League of Healing* pamphlets, copies of which we are preparing for those in other areas who might wish to start their own healing groups.

The General Council.—We have already scheduled four meetings plus an extra one of the General Council for this year. The idea is to get better coordination from the lodges through the officers and to establish closer links with each other. A major project of the last two meetings was to introduce amendments and other provisions in the existing By-Laws. A Board Circular which was sent out in September provides that provincial lodges shall be allowed to retain the Entrance Dues of new members to help far-away lodges build up their funds.

The National Library and Bookshop.—The National Librarian, Mr. Tony Francisco, reports, "The Theosophical National Library continues its active programme in meeting the reading demand of members and non-members. During the past year, 300 new volumes were added to the library shelves. The circulation of books has increased over that of the previous years. The new members of the Society are the active borrowers. Non-members, mostly students from different schools and colleges, have also availed themselves of the services of the library. Plans are now underway again to enlarge and to renovate the library to serve the increasing number of borrowers.

The Theosophical Book Centre continues in its role to popularise Theosophy through the sale of literature.

Theosophical books have been distributed all over the country through mail order service. Sales of books have been increasing every year.

Conclusion.—We feel there is much to be thankful for this year and we want to express our gratitude to members of the Board for the close cooperation we have received; to members of the General Council who have worked with us; to the Editor of *The Philippine Theosophist*, who has relieved us of most of the work; to our Librarian and Book-Centre

Manager, who also keeps watch over the building; to the many silent workers in the Section who take up what responsibilities are given to them; and to the different Sections abroad particularly the American, Australian and New Zealand Sections whose steady communications with us have helped us gain fresh and stimulating ideas for the work, as well as providing us with good reading and study materials.

CLEO Z. GREGORIO,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

In 1977 the Theosophical Society in Columbia started a more intensified activity in the field of individual education of the members. For this purpose, small study groups were organized. These groups of three or four members come together regularly not only to study but also for practical work and for mutual encouragement. They have been studying works like *El Kibalion*, *Mind and Consciousness* and *The Science of Yoga*.

Meetings and study groups have been held regularly. Some are specially concerned (as in Bogotá, where a public lecture is given each Sunday) in presenting basic Theosophy to enquirers and newcomers. There are also several study courses for the same purpose.

Leaflets like "Do we know how to live?" and "About Death" were produced for distribution to the public and *Selección Teosofía* for members.

In Bogotá the brothers Ortiz are coordinating theosophical discussions for

children based upon knowledge of ourselves and the laws which govern us. The children are very much attracted and make interesting spontaneous suggestions.

There were two camps for Young Theosophists. The first was in June with subjects on the five preliminary steps of Raja-Yoga; the second was in November on the booklet *At the Feet of the Master*. The attendance at both was most encouraging and the round-table meetings on these subjects very animated.

We had the welcome visit of Sister Radha Burnier, who gave lectures for members as well as for the public, all of which were very well attended.

Br. Walter Ballesteros travelled in September-October to Mexico and Central America where he gave a number of talks especially for members.

MANUEL ARÉVALO,
General Secretary.

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

It gives me great pleasure to report, once again, the activities of the East and Central African Section for the year ended 30th September, 1977.

National Headquarters.—The Section Headquarters remained at the Nairobi Lodge premises at No. 55A, Third Parklands Avenue, Nairobi, and the Section is very grateful to the Nairobi Lodge for providing this valuable facility.

Office-Bearers of the Section.—All the office-bearers, as reported last year remained in office except Mr. H. J. Patel, who resigned, emigrated to England and was replaced by Mr. K. A. Patel as Assistant General Secretary for Zambia.

Membership.—In spite of the fact that the number of new members who joined the Society in our Section is 333, which is the highest in recent years, the number of indigenous persons joining the Society is only 31. The Section workers, being conscious of this fact, decided at the last Convention at Kisumu to send an African member to Adyar to study Theosophy in depth. It is hoped that this scheme will help in gaining support for our cause from the local population. In the meantime however, the scheme of exempting African members, who are interested in Theosophy but cannot pay the fees due to their having a very meagre income, continues. The support from immigrant communities while they are still here is appreciable and it is due to their generosity and understanding that it has been the good fortune of the Section to have such a large membership. The total number of members on 30th September 1977 is 1331 as against 1097 last year.

Important events of the year.—(a) 27th Annual Convention at Kisumu, Kenya. As usual it was yet another unique convention with the Kisumu Lodge as its host. In spite of its chief workers—the

Chairman and the Secretary—being ill, the former with a heart attack and the latter through involvement in a motor accident, their determination and devotion to the cause gathered round them a band of enthusiastic member-workers as well as non-members, who made it a great success. Mr. Rohit Mehta and his wife, Mrs. Shridevi Mehta, who were the chief guest-speakers, also contributed much to its success by their presence as well as by their illuminating talks, lectures and musical discourses. The District Commissioner of Kisumu, Mr. M. M. Ole Niharo, who was the Guest of Honour, opened the Convention and hoped that deliberations made with the principles and philosophies of the Society would pave the way for a better world. Nearly 300 delegates attended the Convention from Kenya and Tanzania (including two from Uganda) and it was a matter of great regret that at the eleventh hour delegates from Zambia had to cancel their journey due to developments in that country.

(b) *Visit of Mr. & Mrs. Rohit Mehta.*—After the Convention, Mr. & Mrs. Rohit Mehta toured all our Lodges in Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia for over three and a half months. Between them they addressed 226 meetings which included public lectures, members' meetings, ladies' meetings, musical discourses, question and answer meetings, Rotary and Lions Clubs meetings, talks to secondary schools and teacher training colleges, study camps on meditation, TV, press and radio interviews, etc. Both were very popular with their presentation of Theosophy from the scientific point of view which appealed most to the younger generation of all races and in particular to the enquiring mind of the Africans. There have been

requests from all places to invite them again when they can spare a longer time for us. They have given us their observations and suggestions for improvement of our work at our request. We are very grateful to them both for sparing so much time for us from their continuous engagements in India.

(c) *Sponsoring Mr. Reuben Thuku to study at Adyar.*—We took an early opportunity to implement the decision made at the Kisumu Convention. The Executive Committee of the Section selected Mr. Reuben Thuku—a member of the Nakuru Lodge—to be the first person to be sent to Adyar to study Theosophy in depth for from six months to a year and on return to work full time for the Society. Fortunately for us Mr. Reuben accepted our proposal and resigned his job as a telephone operator with Nakuru County Council. He and his wife, who accompanied him because Mr. Reuben is blind and needs someone to help him, flew to Adyar in September 1977. Though our members and sympathisers have donated generously towards their expenses in India and the Headquarters have helped in meeting their boarding and lodging expenses while at Adyar for which we are very grateful, we need still considerable monetary help in order to cope with their maintenance expenses, as they will be working full-time for the Society. We would request all Sections and in particular the various charitable foundations (e.g., Kern Foundation, Ford Foundation, etc.) through the International President, to help us in this matter as this is the first occasion in the history of the Theosophical Society when an effort has been made to interest African minds in the philosophy of Theosophy and when an African has been sent to Adyar for such purposes. We are sure of the required support from all those who consider the Theosophical

Society to be an instrument of the great Elder Brethren for the onward evolution of Humanity.

Attendance at the 101st International Convention at Adyar.—Mr. R. H. Patel, Mrs. Sakhtawar S. Patel, Mr. B. K. Patel, Mr. & Mrs. A. V. Raval, Mr. Pradeep Raval, Mr. & Mrs. S. K. Pathak attended the 101st International Convention at Adyar in December 1976.

Visit of Lodges.—(1) I accompanied Mr. & Mrs. Rohit Mehta on their visit to Highland Lodge at Eldoret, Kitale Lodge, Nakuru Lodge and Unity Lodge at Mombasa.

I also visited the Kitale and Kisumu Lodges in company with Mrs. M. E. Earnshaw and Mr. C. P. Robertson-Dunn, and attended the farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Thuku with these members at Nakuru.

(2) Mr. H. D. Shah, the Assistant General Secretary for Tanzania, visited Nairobi Lodge whenever he attended the Executive Committee meetings in Nairobi at his own expense. The Section is very grateful to him for his attendance and for lending his valuable guidance in the work of the Section. He also visited Kilimanjaro Lodge at Moshi.

(3) Mr. N. J. Khetani visited at his own expense Nairobi Lodge whenever he attended the meetings of the Executive Committee. The Section is very grateful to him for his valuable guidance. He also visited Kisumu and Sitaram Lodges. Similarly Mr. Shah visited Nairobi Lodge when he attended the meetings of the Executive Committee.

Many members from Nairobi, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kericho and Kisumu attended the ceremony at the Kitale Lodge on 17th July, 1977 when the Lodge Charter was presented by Mr. Rohit Mehta.

Mr. Reuben Thuku visited Nairobi Lodge every month to give talks on Theosophical subjects.

Mrs. M. E. Earnshaw and Mr. Robertson-Dunn of Nairobi Lodge gave public lectures and addressed members' meetings at Nakuru twice at the invitation of the Nakuru Lodge. Both of them also attended the English Convention in London in May 1977.

Celebrations.—All the principal days in the theosophical calendar and anniversaries of births and deaths of leaders of the Theosophical Society were duly celebrated by all lodges of the Section.

Study.—Study classes were held at Nairobi on the following:

- (1) Introductory study course in Theosophy (in English)
- (2) The Path of Discipleship (in Gujarati)
- (3) The Masters and the Path (English and Gujarati)
- (4) The Ageless Wisdom of Life (in Gujarati)
- (5) Study and Practice of Meditation (in English)
- (6) The Ancient Wisdom (in Gujarati)

A study class was held at Daressalaam for a long weekend and several aspects of theosophical life were covered.

Sale of Books.—At each public lecture and also at lodge meetings our literature is displayed for sale. As it has become difficult to send books from Nairobi to Tanzania and Zambia due to lack of transport facilities, bookstalls are run at Nairobi, Daressalaam and Mufulira. The sale of books in Kenya amounted to Shs. 10440.90 and in Tanzania to Shs. 2616.95 (Total approx. £6500).

Ladies' meetings.—(1) At Daressalaam meetings are held which are conducted and attended by ladies and where books on the theosophical approach to life are studied.

(2) Nairobi Lodge also holds one meeting a month for ladies where a study of Theosophy is conducted.

Allied Activities: Theosophical Order of Service.—As usual, services to the poor, the needy and afflicted humanity and to other beings are rendered by this Order in most lodges of the Section. The Order arranged public lectures at Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru and Kisumu by Dr. M. M. Bhamgara who came to Kenya as a representative of the World Vegetarian Congress.

Bharat Samaj Puja.—This ceremony is performed regularly every Sunday at Daressalaam and occasionally at Nairobi and other places and those interested in ceremonial, members as well as sympathizers, join this ceremony. At many such ceremonies donations are given to the Theosophical Society and the Theosophical Order of Service.

Healing Group.—This ceremony is performed by the members of the Daressalaam Lodge once a month. Nairobi Lodge intends to start one next year.

Youth Activities.—Although several lodges have youth groups, it has been noticed that many of the youths prefer to work along with other members of the lodge.

Meditation Facilities.—After having conducted classes in the study and practice of meditation, the Nairobi Lodge has set apart a room for meditation where those members and non-members who are interested may sit in meditation from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m. every evening.

Conclusion.—In spite of our handicaps and limitations we carry on the work entrusted to us by the Inner as well as Outer Founders as best we can and we are very grateful for all the help we receive from members, sympathizers, general public, and radio and television authorities in the three countries and from our

respected guest-speakers from overseas who are a real source of strength for our work.

In the end we pledge our loyalty to the Cause and the International President,

Bro. John B. S. Coats who represents the Society in the outer world.

H. M. CHHAYA,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

The year under report has been one of turmoil, difficulty and uncertainty throughout Pakistan. This has necessarily reflected upon the work of the branches and small centres of the Theosophical Society.

The largest branch continues to be the Karachi Theosophical Society which was founded in December 1896.

Membership.—The only branch which reports a definite membership is the Karachi Theosophical Society which has ended the year with 98 members. It is presumed that the membership of the Hyderabad Theosophical Society continues at 60 members and that of Quetta at 11 members. The Lahore Branch reports only three members and is therefore now functioning as a Centre. Most of the previous members have been attracted to the activities of Transcendental Meditation and have become inactive in the activities of the branch. The membership of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan, therefore, can be presumed to be 172.

Programme of Activities.—The Karachi Theosophical Society reports splendid work during the year. In spite of periods of disturbance when it was difficult for regular work to continue, there have been public lectures by members and others on subjects of theosophical interest.

The branch regularly held weekly study classes using Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's book *Lecture Notes* as the basis. There were also members' meetings and special

meetings to commemorate days of significance to the Society.

The library of the Karachi Theosophical Society has continued to serve members as well as non-members. A number of new theosophical publications was added to the existing 12,000 books. The reading-room is also fairly well equipped and used.

The branch regularly brings out its monthly Bulletin *Theosophy in Karachi*.

The Hyderabad Branch reported sporadic activities throughout the year.

The small centre at Lahore reports weekly meetings at a private home.

New Centres.—An attempt was made during the year to open new centres of study in two other areas of Karachi which is a widely spreading city with a difficult transport situation. A small study group conducted by one of our young but enthusiastic members, Mr. Abbas Hussain, is held near the University area which is far removed from the premises of the Karachi Theosophical Society. Another study centre is held every week at the residence of the President of the K.T.S., Mr. Dara F. Mirza. This also serves another area of the city. Both the centres are fairly new and have not been able as yet to enroll new members although the value of such centres is evident.

Translation of "Key to Theosophy".—With the help of the Non-English Publication Fund, the T.S. in Pakistan has been able to complete the Urdu translation

of H. P. B's fine classic, *The Key to Theosophy* as abridged by Miss Joy Mills. It is hoped that members and others all over the sub-continent will welcome this addition to the non-English theosophical literature.

It is hoped during the year to undertake a reprint of the Urdu translation of Dr. Besant's lecture on Islam. The transla-

tion of smaller books and pamphlets is considered more useful at present than large works.

I was able to make an extended tour of Australia for theosophical lectures from March-June. A week was also spent in Manila for lectures and seminar.

GOOL K. MINWALLA
Presidential Agent.

MALAYSIAN FEDERATION

There are three lodges in Malaysia—Seremban, Malacca, and Penang. The Malacca and Penang Lodges are somewhat in the doldrums at the moment having lost their principal officers through death. These lodges have to be revitalised and reorganised.

The total number of the members in Malaysia is 60. The Seremban Lodge

which is the most active Lodge has about 30 active members and meets every Saturday. It runs a Montessori kindergarten which now has a full complement of 112 children and 4 staff members. Arrangements are being made to revive the lodge in Kuala Lumpur.

S. NARAYANAN,
Presidential Agent.

NORTHERN IRELAND FEDERATION

Considering our present difficulties it may be accurate to say that our programme of public lectures and discussions in Belfast ran reasonably well. The following will give an idea of the variety of topics covered during the year under review; "An Address by the International President" (recorded), Mr. John Coats; "Theosophy in a Changing World" Mr. Nelson Browne; "The Secret Doctrine and Astrophysics", Mr. Desmond Leslie; "Science and Spirituality", (recorded), Dr. H. Tudor Edmunds; "Take no Thought for the Morrow", "Original Sin" and "Consciousness", Mr. Leslie Francey; "Atma Yoga", "Occultism and Common Sense", "The Breath of Life", "Divine Amnesia" and "Maha Yoga", Mr. Tony Rodri-

gue; "Meditation in Action" (recorded), Mr. Will Ross; "Self-Realization", "The Dweller on the Threshold", "The Communion of Saints", "Human Needs", and "The Slayer of the Real", Dr. Hugh Shearman; "Theosophy: An Enduring Wisdom in a World of Change" (recorded), Miss Joy Mills; an introductory talk on Transcendental Meditation by Mr. Jim Anderson of the T. M. Centre in Belfast; three discussions on the following issues: "Do We Need a Saviour?", "What has Religion to offer Today?" and "The Need for a Guru".

Our spring programme culminated in the Annual Convention which was held at Gateway House on 28-29 May, with Mrs. Katie Hogg as Guest of Honour. Both the Convention Address entitled

"Enlightenment for the Coming Age" and her talk to members, "Theosophy looks at the Future", were greatly appreciated by all those present. Greetings were conveyed from the General Secretaries of the Society in Scotland, Ireland, Australia, East and Central Africa, America and from Adyar. At the Convention business meeting the existing officers were unanimously re-elected, and the financial position, despite the steady increase in city rates, was declared solvent.

Members' meetings continued in Belfast on Wednesdays. The group looked at the problem of illusion with the help of Ramana Maharshi's personal version of the *Viveka Chudamani*, Shankara-

charya's celebrated work. Lately, we have been concentrating on St. Paul's theology in the light of *The Gospel of Rightness* written many years ago by an old Theosophist, Miss C. E. Woods. During the summer, some of our members "put on their Jumping Shoes" in order to attend the English-speaking Regional Summer School at High Leigh and reported greetings and messages of good will for which we are thankful.

We warmly welcome four new members and wish them every success. Total membership now stands at 42.

TONY RODRIGUEZ,
Organizing Secretary.

VIET NAM

No Report

VENEZUELA

No Report

WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

Introduction.—The year 1976 did not see much action. It was relatively a period of lull after the hectic activities undertaken in connection with the centenary celebrations of the Society in 1975. Thus there was little progress on the various fronts. However 1977 opened well and gives some promise.

Lodges and Centres.—*Blavatsky Lodge, Accra*, reported 25 members in good standing at the end of the year; 8 members lapsed, 3 transferred out and there were 2 transfers-in. Average attendance was reported as 15.

Lagos Lodge.—In his annual report for 1976 the Secretary of the Lagos Lodge wrote:

"There was no remarkable change in the numerical strength of the lodge's membership from the 1975 figure of 86, with 42 active resident members and 44 lapsed members".

The exact 1976 figures were not given. It must again be explained that all Nigerian members who are not members of Annie Besant Lodge in Calabar are treated as attached to Lagos Lodge.

Olcott Lodge, Madina, reported a paid-up membership of 14 at the end of 1976. The lodge, which was chartered in March 1976, was formally inaugurated on 18th December 1976. Average attendance at lodge meetings was around seven. As at the end of March 1977 six members have paid their annual dues for 1977.

Dharma Lodge, Ho, also reported a paid-up membership of 14 at the end of 1976. Ten of the number were not in Ho. The normal attendance at lodge meetings was therefore 3 or 4. At the end of March 1977, eight members have paid their annual dues for 1977.

Slater Lodge, Monrovia, which was chartered during the year, after attaining the required membership of 7, reported three lapsings by the end of the year. The report for December 1976 gave 5 members as having paid their annual dues.

Besant Lodge, Sekondi-Takoradi, reported a paid-up membership of 5 for the year 1976. Two members lapsed, one was transferred out and there were two new admissions. Average attendance at lodge meetings was reported as 4.

Arundale Lodge, Denu.—Since the passing away of the Lodge President, the late Bro. C. S. S. Agbe-Carbonu, in December 1975, efforts to resuscitate the lodge, which even before then was in a poor state, have not yet succeeded. The efforts continue.

Leadbeater Lodge, Accra.—Members will remember that the lodge became defunct several years ago. The lodge President and I have reviewed the situation and agreed that in the circumstances existing, the hope of resuscitating the lodge should be abandoned. We have therefore agreed to the cancellation of the charter.

Other Lodges.—No reports have been received from the other lodges: Raja Lodge, Kumasi; Sri Ram Lodge, Tamale;

Vigilance Lodge, Accra. Brakatu-Ateko Lodge, Nkawkaw, sent in a report in March 1976 which showed 15 members.

10 Centres.—Our existing centres have not been sending in reports although we receive occasional communications from some of them. Those of them from which we have received communication and which therefore we know to be still in existence are Tema, Tarkwa, Legon, Koforidua and Enugu. No word has been received from Tutu Centre, and the Lome Centre is obviously defunct. Instead I have some information that meetings are held in an unspecified place in the central region of Togo.

Organisation of the Society in Nigeria.—During the year organisation of the Society in Nigeria continued to engage my thoughts. Apart from the two lodges, in Lagos and Calabar, and the centre at Enugu, the membership in Nigeria is not organized and consists of individuals scattered across the country with an appreciable number in certain towns. In addition, as members are aware, on account of distance, Nigeria is rarely represented at our Annual Conventions, Council meetings and New Year Schools, although the Nigerian membership is greater than the membership in Ghana. The fact that many scattered members remain from year to year isolated and unable to come together into contact with others has been giving me much concern, especially as the majority of members in Nigeria have peculiar notions about the nature of the Society which we have sought over the years without success to correct through correspondence. Two levels of organisation have engaged my thoughts—local level and national level.

(1) *Formation of Centres*.—I have been trying to get members living in the same towns to come together to form centres. Individuals who seem to have more

interest than the others were asked to try to bring their fellows together. I have in this way sought over the years to get centres formed in Ibadan, Port Harcourt, Kaduna, Ohafia, etc.

(a) *Enugu Centre*

Out of those efforts the Enugu Centre was revived in 1975.

(b) *Kaduna Centre*

Recently I had a favourable response from a member in Kaduna whom I had asked to organize the centre.

He sent a circular to every one of the Kaduna members convening a meeting. The meeting was attended by four members. I was also told that there are four enquirers. So I hope to see the Kaduna Centre established soon.

(c) *Port Harcourt Centre*

A large number of enquiries come from Port Harcourt, the great port city of Nigeria in the East. Since 1973 I have enrolled over 22 persons from that city. I have asked various members to organize the group. It appears that a lot of person-to-person publicity goes on but I have not had any report that the centre has been organized and that meetings are held.

(d) *Ibadan Centre*

There are a couple of members who are in touch with each other, but it does not appear that meetings are being held.

(e) *Elsewhere*

Apart, then, from Lagos Lodge, Annie Besant Lodge in Calabar and Enugu Centre and the incipient Centres at Kaduna and Port Harcourt, the membership in Nigeria is largely unorganized. The efforts continue.

(2) *Organisation at the National Level*

Nigeria is a very large country, and the Theosophical Society membership there is

greater than in Ghana, though scattered. One should look forward to the time when the Theosophical Society in Nigeria will be an independent National Society. At present, as already stated, Nigeria is rarely represented at the Federation's deliberations, Conventions, etc., in Ghana, distance being the great problem. Towards future development and meanwhile to give members a feel of that greater fellowship, I exchanged communications with the Regional Secretary for Nigeria at the beginning of 1976 on the desirability of his organizing conventions at the national level. This I reported to the 1976 Convention. Later in the year I planned a visit to Nigeria in this connection but my plans fell through. At its September 1976 meeting the Council authorized an expenditure of up to \$ 200.00 for my journey to Nigeria. I hope to be able to undertake the journey this year before the Council meets again in September. Meanwhile I have received a helpful suggestion which I am about to put across to fellow workers in Nigeria. It is that since Nigeria is so vast and the Regional Secretary cannot undertake a tour of the centres, the country should be divided into zones and zonal organizers or secretaries appointed, one for East Nigeria, another for the West and a third for the North. I report all the above to indicate our concern over the problems of Nigeria.

Special Undertakings: (1) *The Headquarters Building.*—The year saw little progress on the Headquarters building. The main problem was unavailability of cement. I must report, however, that recently some cement has been obtained and work has been resumed at the site. On account of the difficulties, we regret to report that we have not succeeded in accomplishing phase I of the building which was the raising of the platform. With the resumption of work it is hoped

that the platform will be completed by June this year.

(2) *Book Agency*.—The Book Agency plan also saw no development during the year under review. Here, too, I must however report that the Chairman of the Agency recently revived his efforts.

(3) *Brakatu-Ateko Memorial Lectures*.—The Committee appointed to organize the lecture in 1976 was unable to do so, but an undertaking was given at the Council meeting last September that everything would be done to have the lectures inaugurated this year. Towards the fulfilment of that undertaking, we have invited Dr. Ephraim Amu, the well-known Ghanaian musician, and a former master of Achimota where also the late Bro. Ateko was a tutor. I am happy to report

that Dr. Amu gladly accepted the invitation. As soon as the Convention activities are over, we shall plunge into the organisation of the inaugural lecture which will be, as previously decided, on or about the 21st of June, the birthday of the late 'old man'.

(4) *West African Theosophical Journal*.—As members are aware, the journal has been discontinued for a couple of years due to the labour involved and the lack of adequate hands for the task. The need for reviving it, however, continues. In connection with the inaugural K. B. Ateko memorial lecture I have planned to revive the journal by issuing a special K. B. Ateko number.

ISAAC ZANEY,
Organising Secretary.

BOLIVIA

No Report

CANADIAN FEDERATION

As I have just taken over as Secretary of the Canadian Federation, I feel it is right that this report should consist mainly of the report that the former Secretary, Mrs. Ida F. Stephen, gave at the Annual Meeting, held in Vancouver, on the 21st of May, 1977:

"To all our Federation Friends, this is our final Annual Business Meeting of the Canadian Federation under its old set-up. These meetings, as well as the Quarterly Meeting, have been going on since its formation in 1924 when it had 76 members, for over 50 years. I believe the first Secretary was Mr. A. J. Harrison, succeeded by Mr. James

Bremner, then Mrs. Elsie Griffiths, Miss Joan Morris, John Barnes, and finally, before my term, Mrs. Gladys Cooper. All these previous Secretaries added their personalities to the work. I should mention that Joan Morris started the happily remembered Conventions. Mrs. Cooper followed up the idea with some very memorable times. We were invited to Edmonton, Peachland and Victoria, and we had a very successful convention in Vancouver. These became too expensive to follow up, long distance travelling being out of the reach of many of us.

I have tried to carry on the work of these dedicated members. My deep

regret is that I was not able to heal the breach between the two theosophical groups. My sincere hope is that the seed, already sown, will in its own good time blossom into a happy co-operation of all T. S. groups. I think we should always keep that thought alive.

Now we are handing over the work of the Federation to Dr. C. Ton Phan, and it is going to the other end of the Continent. With Dr. Phan at the 'controls', I feel sure there will be an injection of new ideas, with the melting together of French-Canadian with Anglo-Canadian thought.

I welcome Mrs. Phyllis Squires as the new Treasurer. The magazine, the latest issue of which Mrs. Cooper has just completed, will be in the hands of Mrs. Fiona Odgren.

So to the Presidents, the Councillors and fellow members in this Federation, I want to thank each and all for your

kindness and patience extended to me over these past seven years. I wish you all 'Bon Voyage' with the new skipper at the 'helm'."

I wish to pay a warm and sincere tribute to Mrs. Ida Stephen for her dedicated work during the last seven years. I was happy that I was able to cross the whole land of Canada to Vancouver, where Mrs. Stephen graciously lodged me at her house and gave me precious advice while handing over to me the files of the Federation. Then I went on to meet the members in Vancouver, Edmonton, and Calgary. On the 24th of September, we held a Council meeting in Toronto, the first one of my term and the first one out of Vancouver. As I live in Montreal, I have made contact with all lodges in Canada, except Peachland.

C. T. PHAN,
Federation Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

All Sections of the European Federation will have sent their own reports of the activities in the twenty-one Sections, including the recently revived Spanish Section.

We have been very happy to have had a visit of several months' duration from our President, Mr. John Coats, who received a very warm welcome wherever he travelled.

The work of the Federation is to draw all Sections together and to encourage an interchange of thought and understanding among members of varying outlook and circumstances. It is hoped to share our different capacities and to lessen our peculiar difficulties by these contacts.

Reports tend to record the successes, sometimes glossing over the difficulties,

even failures, and problems of our work. But we should, in honesty, look also at our shortcomings. These are apparent in the different problems facing individual Sections. However, the fact of recognising and facing problems indicates a willingness to work for their solutions and for the successful future of the Society.

The Federation has had to take stock of itself during the past year. We are questioning our usefulness to the Sections and means of increasing that usefulness. We hope that in our report next year we may be able to give at least part of the solution we shall have worked out to deal with our problems.

MADELEINE LESLIE-SMITH,
Chairman.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION

No Report

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

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H. P. B. Lodge:

Meetings were held each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and evening and on Sunday mornings. Courses were offered in psycho-physics; there were studies in *The Secret Doctrine* for members only, presentation of papers by the members, public talks, and courses in astrology. Also our library was put at the disposal of the public.

Studies.—At first the study of *The Secret Doctrine* was taken up during normal meetings of members, but as it is such a profound subject, some of them were not able to follow and gave it up. So we decided to carry on with these studies on another day with a smaller, but very enthusiastic, group.

At lodge meetings we carry on two activities; for the first hour there are comments and questions on Dr. Taimni's work *Self-Culture*; each member has to deal with one chapter. All the members take part in the discussion, and often the time is too short to go into all the questions and ideas brought forward.

The second hour is dedicated to our "Workshop for Lecturers", as we have called it. Our progress in such studies is not as fast as we had hoped for, but we are attempting to get into contact with the local papers to give some space to Theosophy. When we have succeeded, we can proceed on safe ground. For this purpose we are counting on the cooperation of Br. Juan Carlos Palmeri of the Argentine Section, whose experience

is of great help to us, as well as the directions given by the Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

Saturday afternoons are also dedicated to two activities. For the first hour we are open to the interested public and talks are given based on *The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom* by Anna Kennedy Winner which have aroused great interest among our visitors.

After a short break, during which we say good-bye to our visitors there are classes in astrology for beginners and advanced students.

Opening of our Library to the Public.—We have opened our library to the public on two afternoons a week. The interest of those seekers for truth has increased remarkably.

In this connection I want to mention that after a period of instability, we have reached a peaceful stage allowing us to make gradual progress.

JOSIANNE G. DE ALVAREZ,
Secretary.

H. P. B. "A" Lodge: No Report.

Paz y Amor Lodge:

The Lodge has thirteen members. The management was composed of: President: Mrs. R. America Espinoza de Espiritu; Treasurer: Mr. Alfonso Revoredo Iglesias; Secretary: Mr. Bernardino Jines Warinka; Librarian: Mrs. Consuelo R. de Torres Luna.

The branch met twice a month, on every first and third Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. The meetings start with a meditation on the Masters, followed by the talk of a brother on a theosophical subject, then a song to Life and are concluded with a lunch.

The Branch has asked Br. Bernardino Jines to give a talk on "The Principles of Man in Relation to the Macrocosm" on 17 September at Branch H.P.B. and on 29 September at Branch H.P.B. "A".

BERNARDINO JINES WARINKA,
Secretary.

ISRAEL

Covenant Lodge, Tel Aviv:

Mrs. Etelka M. Laban who came from Adyar visited Israel on her way back to Europe. We were glad to listen to all she told us and we felt the very atmosphere of Adyar. Her arrival in Israel coincided with White Lotus Day celebrations and we enjoyed them together.

Our second guest was Mrs. Anna Lemkov from New York Lodge. During her stay of five months in Israel, she gave generously of her time to theosophical activities. She conducted a course in Jerusalem for new members and gave us four very interesting and successful lectures. We are very grateful to her.

The third guest was Miss Joy Mills. She gave to all of us power, inspiration and teachings and a wide vision of our ideals. Her first lecture was in a private house in the presence of 50 persons.

The Covenant Lodge has 42 members, an increase of 13 members over last year. Among them there are many young soldiers.

As in the past, once a fortnight we have a course for German-speaking members and a group for those who speak Hebrew/English. The Russian members are joining our meetings in Hebrew.

It is our hope that the young people will succeed in holding their own meetings for beginners once a month.

We try to distribute books from our library in all nine languages to all who are interested in Theosophy.

BERTHE AL. DOMINIC,
President.

H. P. Blavatsky Lodge, Tel Aviv: No Report.

Morya Lodge, Haifa:

Mrs. Varda Ben-Yzhak was elected President for this year, and she also undertook the work of Secretary. The Treasurer is Mr. Carmel Dubasrsky.

We are now 12 members, an increase of 4.

The group meets every three weeks at the flat of a member in Haifa. This year, it studied *Guide to Lodge Study*, edited by Miss Joy Mills.

On White Lotus Day, the members met with all the other lodges in Tel-Aviv. The most important event was a three-day weekend meeting in September when we had the honour of listening to a lecture given by Miss Joy Mills. The meeting was organised by Morya and B'sorat Hagalil Lodges and as the other lodges in Israel also took part the event was a great success.

Our wish is to receive more visitors from abroad, and if possible to receive

books to build up the library in Haifa, which is very small.

VARDA BEN-YZHAK,
President.

B'sorat Hagalil Lodge, Haifa:

The Lodge was not active during 1977. Mr. Jehuda Karmeli was elected President. There are 7 members.

It was decided to meet and work with Morya Lodge. Varda Ben-Yzhak, President of Morya Lodge, is helping with the organisation.

VARDA BEN-YZHAK,
(for) *President.*

Harmony Lodge, Tel Aviv:

The highlight of our lodge activities this year was a thought-provoking lecture: "The World Awaits A New Humanity" given by Miss Joy Mills, the Vice-President, who, on her way back to Adyar in September 1977, spent a number of days in Israel.

As heretofore, we had two lodge meetings monthly, one of which—in the spring—was addressed by a guest speaker from England. Our Lodge consists of 18 members in good standing at the moment. In addition, six permanent visitors, who for one reason or another have yet joined our lodge, attended our meetings regularly, showing their interest by donating from time to time certain amounts of money to our lodge funds.

As in previous years, Mr. Hans Zeuger, our Lodge President, was again invited to lecture on parapsychology and astrology in co-operative settlements (Kibbuzim), and was once more interviewed regarding his politico-astrological forecasts by the

Israel representative of the Columbia Broadcasting Company in the U.S.A. He, furthermore, participated in a symposium on astrology transmitted by our local radio station, in which a number of scientists, one of them a professor at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, discussed the ancient wisdom of the stars. On two occasions, Mr. Zeuger spoke to two different classes of school children interested in theosophical ideas, upon their own request.

In his capacity of President of the Israel Parapsychological Society, Tel Aviv, Mr. Zeuger wrote to the editor of the well-known German periodical *Esotrea*, strongly objecting to the contents of an article in this paper in which Madame Blavatsky had been grossly attacked. His remarks appeared unabridged in the said magazine.

On the occasion of Sister Mills' visit to Israel, Mr. Zeuger handed her some written material to be delivered to the President—which he had received from Brother Franz E. Hirth, a member of long-standing, living in the European principality of Liechtenstein, in which he listed a rather astonishing number of anti-semitic passages, very regrettably to be found in Madame Blavatsky's various writings. Brother Hirth understandably suggests that all these utterances should be eliminated in future editions and that Brother John Coats, the President, should issue a suitable statement to this effect.

Fees for astrological work (individual horoscopes) were forwarded to various humanitarian organisations by Mr. Zeuger as a sort of "Theosophical Order of Service" activity.

HANS ZEUGER,
President.

SINGAPORE

Singapore Lodge:

During the year under review, the lodge had a number of problems to cope with. First, the notice to quit handed to us a year ago was nearing expiry. To see us through this difficulty (as we have insufficient funds to get premises of our own) our late President, Bro. T. Gulabrai, spearheaded the Committee's negotiations with our landlord in a most cordial and brotherly manner. As a result, we were granted a reprieve, and the landlord allowed us to stay on, although we were to use only the upper floor of No. 8 Cairnhill Rd. while he would move in and occupy the ground floor. Other generous concessions were made including a modest figure for compensation. To date, we are happy to report a healthy and cordial relationship between our house-owner and ourselves.

In the middle of the year, the lodge had another crisis: we lost our President, Bro. Gulabrai, through a short and sudden illness. To many of us, who had come, to rely on his warm-heartedness and good advice, the news of his unexpected demise came as a shock. So, at this time of crisis, Brother Tan Siow Hee, Vice-President, was called upon to assume leadership of the lodge.

The Lodge has liaised with the New Zealand Section, and we are happy to report the satisfactory arrangement of a mutual gift scheme with the NZ Theosophical Cassette Centre in Auckland. Through this scheme, we are able to

vary our monthly programmes with excellent recordings of talks given on a variety of subjects by international theosophical lecture-authors. The lodge also organised talks for the public, a weekly meditation hour, a members' forum, bi-weekly classes on *The Key to Theosophy* and the *Bhagavad Gita*, and we now take pleasure in announcing the beginning of two more courses—one on vol. I of *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, and the other on *Thought Forms*. With visiting Theosophists sending us their good wishes, the Singapore Lodge can be said to have seen an eventful year.

Once more we place on record our thanks to Guest Speakers: the Venerable Ananda Mangala Thera for two talks—"Spiritual Values in a Developing Society" and "Karma and Rebirth"; Mr. Behram R. Vakil for "Zoroaster and the Zoroastrian Faith"; Mr. E. J. D'Souza for "The Power of Prayer", also to our members and well-wishers for their support in the past year. We look forward to their continuing help in the year ahead.

Visiting Theosophists included Bro. Vic Hao Chin, National Secretary of the Philippines Section, Bro. Harry McBride from Besant Lodge, Cal., U. S. A., Sis. Anita Brinch from Denmark, Sis. Annie Tjioe, former International Treasurer at Adyar HQ., Sis. Josh Koesman from Indonesia, and Sis. Juliet Eden from Auckland, NZ.

TAN SIOW HEE,
Vice-President.

HONG KONG

Hong Kong Lodge:

We wish to submit our Annual Report of Hong Kong Lodge for the year of 1977, in which you may find that the activities of our Lodge were not very encouraging.

The number of membership of our Lodge has been raised from ten to fifteen and our members' list is as below:

President: Rev. Yen Why; Vice-President: L. Clark; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: R. Y. Ko; Librarian: Dr. R. Ching; Committee Members: T. V. Zung, T. C. Zung, J. Panjabi, K. S. Sze, K. K. Tam and Henry Fok; Members: Dr. Hans Tang, P. S. Malhi, T. T. Ko, Henry Lee and T. C. Shu (Singapore)

Lecture.—The public lectures on Ch'an Buddhism were held by our Lodge in conjunction with World Fellowship of Buddhists Hong Kong & Macau Regional Centre on every Saturday afternoon at The Grace Cottage Vegetarian House of Hong Kong Island and Sunday mornings at Ting Wai Buddhist Monastery of Tai Po, New Territories, from February to

November of this year. Rev. Yen Why was the chief speaker on the subjects of "Records and Sayings of the Ch'an Masters" and those lectures have attracted about fifty listeners on each occasion.

Publications.—In order to commemorate the 70th Anniversary Nibbana of Colonel Henry Steel Olcott, the Founder of the Theosophical Society, Brother P. Y. Ko, the Secretary of our Lodge, has written an article on "The Contribution to Buddhist Teachings of Colonel H. S. Olcott" in Chinese in *Nanyang Buddhism* of Singapore (September and October issues) and *Buddhist Friendship* of Hong Kong (November issue 1977). This publicity, we hope, would be of value to stimulate the interest of the public in Theosophy.

Obituary.—Our Lodge has recorded the death of Brother Wei Tat, M.A., F.R.S.A., retired ex-member of our Lodge, on 7th September, 1977 at the age of 77.

P. Y. Ko,
Hon. Secretary.

JAPAN

Nippon Lodge, Tokyo:

Unfortunately due to private circumstances I could not work actively this year. In spite of my rather sluggish attitude, the current of time has flown precisely and the interest in Theosophy is gradually growing in Japan. Many young people are now going to awaken to real knowledge about the soul. I am now fully realizing my responsibility and mission as an elder sister of Theosophists here.

We have 21 members, a decrease of one since last year.

Meeting.—We have a study meeting every third Saturday evening as usual.

Study.—We finished studying *The First Principles of Theosophy*. Now we are starting to make slides of *Thought Forms* by C. W. Leadbeater. At the beginning of next May we are going to hold our Conference and at that time these slides will be shown. And we are going to study *The Secret Doctrine* (the abridgement) once more again this Fall.

Translation.—I am now translating *Devachan* by C. W. Leadbeater, *In His Name*, by C. Jinārādāsa and *When Daylight Comes* by Howard Murphet. These appear in my monthly magazine.

Publication.—I now intend to publish *Clairvoyance* by C. W. Leadbeater. It will come out within this year.

Foreign Friends.—Some Vietnam friends came to Japan and stayed some months. We became friends with Mrs. Minh, and with Mr. Lung and Mr. Hoa. They went to Switzerland and Norway respectively. In July, Mr. and Mrs. Lyttle came from Australia. We were together at Adyar at our Centenary Conference, therefore we rejoiced in meeting each other again. Just the next day, Mr. and Mrs. Adisubroto came from

Indonesia. They were also with us in Adyar. We had a very pleasant time.

Marvellous Present.—Our brother Mr. Michael Breen, from Australia sent us 139 slides of paintings by Nicholas Roerich. All of his paintings are very significant and impressive. I would like to show these to many people and to express my deep appreciation towards Mr. Breen for his amazing effort.

EMIKO TANAKA,
President.

BANGLADESH

Comilla Lodge, Comilla:

The Comilla Theosophical Lodge came into being in the year 1889 A.D. and hence it is one of the oldest branches of the Theosophical Society in this sub-continent.

This lodge is the only affiliated organisation at present in Bangladesh. It experienced many vicissitudes in its long life. Its professed objectives specially that of Universal Brotherhood attracted the elite and intelligentia of the district from the date of its inception. As the original modest tin-shed premises became dilapidated, a brick building was constructed in its place (in the Town Hall premises—gifted by His Highness the Maharaja of Tripura State) with the magnificent donations of His Highness the Maharaja and other generous people. In short, the lodge thrived in those days with the active co-operation of high officials and local intelligentia. It was fortunate enough to raise a library rich in books on Theosophy and religious subjects. It came under the Pakistan Presidential Agent when Pakistan came into being. During 1971,

the Pakistan Army forcibly occupied the building and after the liberation of Bangladesh, the building was occupied by a political party, which refused to make over possession of the building in spite of several requests. It was only after a very strenuous effort of the members and thanks to the good offices of the local authority that the Society regained possession of the lodge building on 30.9.75 with the help of police, but it was in a very dilapidated condition with all its furniture and a major portion of its library books gone. The Society somehow managed to make urgent repairs to the building with the donations from its members, and some furniture was also purchased through the munificence of the heirs of two of its deceased members. The lodge is eagerly awaiting the arrival of a gift of books from Adyar which when received will go a long way to replenish the loss it suffered, and undoubtedly it will give an inspiration and impetus to the members of the Lodge and to the theosophically minded younger generation of the country.

The Lodge has been fortunate enough to have an ex-gratia grant of Taka 10,000 sanctioned by the President of Bangladesh during his visit here in the month of April 1977, when the Secretary and members of the Lodge met him and a representation was submitted by the Secretary regarding the miserable conditions of the lodge building, the only one of its kind in Bangladesh. The grant has been thankfully received and utilized for thorough repairs of the building, its broken doors and windows and also

for making some urgently necessary furniture.

There were in all 53 meetings of the lodge in the year under review including special meetings on the occasion of White Lotus Day and some other special occasions—all of which were fairly well attended. The subjects discussed in the meetings were varied and wide. The lodge now has 28 members.

RASMOHAN CHAKRAVARTY,
President.

CAMEROON

Fako Lodge, Douala: No Report

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

No Report

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| (4) THE TREASURER | | |
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The Theosophist: PRODUCTION EDITOR: MISS PREMA DASARA.

The Vasanta Press: MANAGER: MR. K. RAMANATHAN.

Watch and Ward Department: SUPERINTENDENT: SUBEDAR G. SAMBASIVAN.

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Five meetings of the Council of The Theosophical Publishing House were held during the year (October 1976 to September 1977). Mr. John Coats, President of The Theosophical Society, was Chairman of the Council, and the members were Miss Joy Mills, Dr. Jean Raymond, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mr. K. Ramanathan and Mr. K.N. Ramanathan.

Sales of theosophical books reached a total of nearly six lakhs of rupees (Rs. 5,92,700) during the year. This is the highest total attained so far in the history of the T.P.H., and compares with Rs. 5,28,000 in the Centenary Year (1975-76).

Import of books.—Imports of books from the United Kingdom and the United States of America totalled Rs. 27,500 in value during the year. These imports were mainly from The Theosophical Publishing House, London, The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, and Theosophy Company, Los Angeles.

New Publications.—There were four new publications in 1976-77. Of these two were T.P.H. publications, namely (1) *Devas and Men* and (2) *Into the Fourth Dimension*. Two were for the Liberal Catholic Church, namely (1) *New Insights into Christian Worship* and (2) *The Liberal Catholic Church and Some Facets of Its Doctrine*.

"The Secret Doctrine".—Work on the reprinting of volume I of the two-volume definitive edition of *The Secret Doctrine* was carried on during the year, and was completed by the end of 1977. The book is edited by Mr. Boris de Zirkoff, who has also contributed a 76-page

historical introduction to the book, narrating how *The Secret Doctrine* was written. The pagination of the original edition has been followed, and according to the Editor, "there has been no editing of H.P.B.'s literary style or grammar, with the exception of a very few single words required by the meaning of the sentence and a few changes of punctuation." A systematic and comprehensive effort has been made to verify the text of the many quotations introduced by H.P.B. from various works, and departures from the original source have been corrected.

The Editor has provided explanatory remarks of additional information in an Appendix of Notes at the end of the volume. The Index, which will be entirely new, will constitute the third volume of the set.

The whole set of three volumes is being subsidized by The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, from the H. P. Blavatsky Publications Reserve, to the extent of Rs. 75,000, in order to make the book available to as large a circle of readers as possible.

Reprints.—27 books were reprinted during the year. A book in Danish (*Lys Pas Vejan*—translation of *Light on the Path*) was printed by offset for the Theosophical Society in Denmark, and another in German—(*Die Welt als Verstellung, Gefhul und Wille*—*The World as Idea, Emotion and Will*) for Adyar-Verlag, Graz, Austria.

In commemoration of the Birth Centenary of Dr. G. S. Arundale, which falls on December 1, 1978, the Council of The Theosophical Publishing House

decided to reprint as Centenary Editions three of his books, *Nirvana*, *Mount Everest* and *Kundalini*. The first two of these have been out of print for some years.

Centenaries.—The Centenary of the publication of *Isis Unveiled* was commemorated at a special function at which the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Prabhudas Patwari, was Guest of Honour. The International President, Mr. John Coats, and the International Vice-President Miss Joy Mills, participated in the function. An exhibition of H. P. Blavatsky publications was held on the occasion.

An *Isis Unveiled* Centenary Special Number of *The Theosophist* was issued in September, 1977, and a Clara M. Codd Centenary Special Number in October 1976.

"The Theosophist".—*The Theosophist* is being issued in a new and more attractive format since October 1977. Graphics, illustrations and lighter articles have been introduced, and select book advertising is being accepted. The policy laid down in this respect is that advertising of books and publications promoting Universal Brotherhood or related to the fields of comparative religion, mysticism, humanistic studies, the philosophy of science, Eastern and Western philosophical and culture traditions, the spiritual life and similar subjects may be accepted.

To help towards meeting the increasing costs of production and distribution of the journal, subscription rates were revised upward with effect from January 1, 1978.

"Adyar Newsletter".—This journal now publishes a wider selection of news and information of general interest from various parts of the theosophical world, including Adyar, and is issued four times

in the year. The circulation has doubled during the year, thanks to the generous cooperation of The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, who undertook a promotional campaign for the *Newsletter* and are also acting as distributors for the journal in U.S.A.

Exhibitions.—Adyar publications were on exhibition at the following Book Fairs during the year:

The 8th Indian National Book Fair, New Delhi; the Books Exposition, Kuala Lumpur; the Exhibition of Scientific and Technical Books, New Delhi; the Calcutta Book Fair; the Geneva Book Fair; the Singapore Festival of Books; and the International Book Fair, Moscow.

Workers.—Miss Marion Caws was Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist* till February 1977, when Mr. William Humphreys succeeded her and filled the position till the end of June. Miss Prema Dasara was Assistant Editor at the end of the year under report.

The publication work of The Theosophical Publishing House, *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter* was helped by a number of Adyar residents and others by correction of proofs, contributions of articles and reviews of books, and to all of them sincere thanks are expressed.

Financial.—Gross profits of sales by the Theosophical Publishing House amounted to Rs. 206,200 during the financial year 1976-77, against the previous year's Rs. 202,500. The net excess of income over expenditure was Rs. 65,770.

The Theosophist account showed a deficit of Rs. 17,250 during the financial year 1976-77 against Rs. 61,850 in the Centenary year.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

We are glad to announce that the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare has inquired if the Adyar Library and Research Centre is interested in taking up the project of reconstruction into Sanskrit of some of the lost Sanskrit texts which are however preserved in their Tibetan translations. As the Adyar Library has the complete set of Tanjur and Kanjur MSS. in Tibetan we have accepted the offer. Details, in principle, regarding staff and extra expenditures involved are being considered and it is hoped that with substantial grants from the Government, this project can be launched next year. Readers will be interested to know that the library had already reconstructed some of the works of Nāgārjuna and Dīnāga in the past and brought them out in the Adyar Library Series, when the services of a scholar knowing both Sanskrit and Tibetan were available.

STAFF:

Pandit K. Sankara Sarma has been appointed on the staff of the research section of the library as from 1st August. He is qualified in traditional learning and has previously worked in the Asiatic Society, Calcutta, Ganganatha Jha Research Institute, Allahabad, National Library, Calcutta, etc. He is now preparing the Descriptive Catalogue of the Śrauta MSS. for the press.

PUBLICATIONS:

The *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS.: Vol. 13, Visvabharati Collection* (ALS 103) was completed in two volumes. *Amarakośa*, vol. 2, is also almost complete

except for the introduction which is being seen through the press. The following were reprinted: *Sphoṭavāda* (ALS 55) on the philosophy of grammar; and *Indian Theories of Meaning* (ALS 91), a study based on various Indian schools of thought. This second work has gone through two editions, being a useful work on linguistics.

The translation of the *Samnyāsa Upaniṣad-s* is now completed by Prof. A. A. Ramanathan and is being seen through the press. In the press are also the following works: Nāgārjuna's *Mūla-madhyamakakārikā*, edited by J. W. de Jong of Canberra University, based on a hitherto unknown Nepalese MS. of the *Prasannapadā*; *Rasārṇavasudhākara* of Siṃhabhūpāla, being a classic text on Poetic, edited by Prof. T. Venkatacharya, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, University of Toronto; *The Science of Criticism in India*, being a collection of lectures on literary criticism by Dr. A. K. Warder, Prof. of Sanskrit, University of Toronto; *Vaiṣṇava Upaniṣad-s* with the Advaitic commentary of Upaniṣad Brahmayogin (ALS 8) is also being reprinted.

The Adyar Library Bulletin: Volume 41 for 1977 consists of the Advaita Vedānta work, *Jīvanmukti-viveka*, a compilation from several scriptural works by Vidyāranya, a well-known scholar of the 14th century. Dealing as it does with the Path to Liberation—a subject of great interest these days—it has been reprinted by request. It will also be included as No. 6 in the Adyar Library General Series.

The *Bulletin* has now 113 exchanges and 135 subscribers.

SERVICES RENDERED:

One of the important services rendered by the library to research scholars and institutions is to supply microfilm and photostat copies of manuscripts or books needed for their research. During the year under report microfilms of 20 MSS. and 51 books, and photostat copies of 3 MSS., 5 books and 15 documents were supplied.

The project of supplying microfilms of all volumes of *New India* to the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, was completed during the year.

Transcripts in Devanāgarī of 24 MSS. were supplied on request.

Works Used: The Library records 460 readers, 182 resident cum borrowers, 193 borrowers from the city and 23 Braille borrowers. During the year 6,200 persons used the Library; 25,883 books and 3,000 MSS. were consulted in the library; 6,300 books and 12 MSS. were loaned out.

Research Scholars: With its unique collection of manuscripts and books in Indological studies and the service facilities available including an excellent card catalogue with detailed references, the library continues to attract research scholars and students interested in deep study. The Theosophy Section and *New India*, a newspaper edited and published by Annie Besant while she was fighting for India's freedom, are widely used by students of history from many Indian universities besides those from Madras colleges. As in the previous years, during the vacation months an increasing number of research fellows from universities and research institutions in India made use of the library's rich collections. Among the scholars who utilized the library for their research are: Dr. Philipp Karl

Eidmann, Prof. of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, Calif.; Theodore L. Kneupper, Slippery Rock State College, U.S.A.; David N. Nelson, University of Minnesota; Mr. Guy Maximilien, University of Oslo; Dr. (Miss) I. N. Komarova, Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow; Dr. Klaus Klostermaier, Professor, University of Manitoba, Canada; Miss S. B. Kaufmann, University of Cambridge, U.K.; M. Bhaskar, University of Virginia, U.S.A.; John Dunham, Dept. of Indian Studies, University of Melbourne; Rogers J. Vernon (Jr.), Indiana University, Bloomington; Rajkumar Pruthi, Research Officer, Indian Council of Historical Research, Delhi; B. C. Hussaini, S. V. University College, Tirupati; V. Sankaran Nair, Dept. of History, University of Kerala; Dr. R. N. Varma, University of Gorakhpur; Richard Bread, Torvald Olsson and Nicholas B. Dirks—all overseas Research Fellows attached to Universities in Kerala, Baroda and Madras respectively; R. Bhaktavatsalu, Consultant, Indian Space Research Organization; and K. Subramanyan, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

During the year 60 books and 202 volumes of journals were bound while 969 books were repaired by our binding section staff.

Sixty books and 2 volumes of *New India* newspaper were laminated; 31 palm leaf MSS. were repaired; and 54 bundles of MSS. gifted to the library were cleaned. The library has started the project of repairing every palm leaf manuscript which needs attention, and binding all paperback books and pamphlets so that these may be better preserved.

During the year fumigation of the whole library was done with methyl bromide gas with the help of a professional firm in the field. Such a wholesale treatment

as a safeguard against insects was done in 1970.

ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

Books: During the year under report 1693 books were added. Out of these 84 were purchased, 51 were exchanges, 57 review books, and the rest were gifts. We extend our thanks to: T. S. V. Rao 223; J. B. S. Coats 71; Ministry of Education and Social Welfare 79; M. K. Durrany 78; Mrs. V. A. Venkataraman 66; M. Venkataraman 45; A. Rangaswami 42; Miss Joy Mills 35; Budalur Krishnamurti Sastri 35; C. D. T. Shores, Miss Marion Caws, N. Raghuthaman, C. Sujata and S. Neelakantan 25 each; The Indian Section of the Theosophical Society and D. J. Buxey for some rare and out of print books, To all these and many others we offer our sincere thanks.

We also extend our thanks to the following who continue to send their publications to the library: The Theosophical Publishing Houses, Adyar, London, and Wheaton (Ill., U.S.A.); Point Loma Publications Inc., San Diego, U.S.A.; The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Ojai, U.S.A. During the year exchange was arranged with Concord Grove Press thus making it possible for us to receive their journal *Hermes* devoted to Theosophy, Religion, etc. We express our thanks to Dr. Raghavan Iyer, Santa Barbara, for arranging this.

Manuscripts: 54 bundles of MSS. in Malayalam script were given to the library by Dr. Ashok N. Aklujkar of British Columbia University, Vancouver. Twenty-seven bundles have been examined and accessed while 27 are yet to be done. Our appreciation and thanks are to the donor.

Book Cataloguing: Reclassification and extensive standard referencing of books in the Eastern Section has progressed steadily. All books in Sanskrit,

Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya and Sindhi literature are now completed.

Journal References: Detailed reference to only 8 vols. of *The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, London, had been done, i.e., up to 1914. The work on *The Theosophist* could not proceed due to want of suitable staff.

DONATIONS:

The Library is thankful to Mrs. Radha Burnier for Rs. 1,500 worth of books and Rs. 1,300 in cash. Our thanks are also to Mrs. Gerda Hofer, Bremen, Germany, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Henry, France.

VISITORS:

Amongst the many visitors to the library, mention may be made of: Alexandre Rakotondrainibe, Chief Councillor, Supreme Court of Madagascar; T. N. Chaturvedi, Chief Commissioner, Chandigarh, India; W. J. Cameron, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada; Dr. and Mrs. Richard W. Lariviere, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A.; Dr. Benjamin Preciado, National University, Canberra, Australia; S. K. Suriarachchi and Dr. S. V. Kodikara, Sri Lanka; Swami Ghanand Saraswati, Sam Acquah and J. B. Arthur, Ghana, Africa; G. Johnson, Uppsala University, Sweden; Y. Wong, Chinese University, Hong Kong; Lama L. T. Daboon, Tibetan Library and Archives, Dharamsala; Dr. T. G. Mathur, Medical Council of India, New Delhi; K. Furusawa, Consul General of Japan, Madras, India; S. Ramgoolam, Mauritius; G. M. Medford, Ministry of Education, Barbados, West Indies; and G. S. Melkote, Indian Institute in Yoga and Allied Sciences, Tirupati, India.

I wish to place on record our thanks to Mr. D. Ramaswamy, Central Leather Research Institute, Madras, for extending his valuable advice and help in the better

preservation of our books and MSS.—a help much appreciated and needed after Mr. E. F. Orfila left for U. S. A. last year.

I also thank Mr. S. N. Muni Rao for his part-time help. With his assistance inventory of all books and journals was completed.

I wish also to record the grateful thanks of the library to Dr. V. Raghavan and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for their continued help in the research section as Advisers and members of the Editorial Board.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE THEOSOPHICAL ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1976-'77

The Theosophical Islamic Association has completed 54 years of existence. It was started in 1923 by the late Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, who later became the fourth President of The Theosophical Society. The Association worked for some time at Varanasi, the Headquarters of the Indian Section, for promoting communal harmony. It was shifted to Karachi in 1960 and was transferred to Adyar in 1970. Since then it has been actively working there under the Presidentship of Professor H. E. Hakim, who was elected Life President at the Annual General Body Meeting held in December 1976, in recognition of his services to the Association.

Membership:

The membership of the Association has been slowly increasing and it stands at 119. There are 105 Ordinary Members and 14 Life Members. The Life Members are:

1. Prof. H. E. Hakim, Madras
2. Prof. O. N. Kumaraswamy, Madras
3. Mrs. Rafia Abdulali, Bombay
4. Mrs. Freni Balsara, Bombay
5. Lt. Col. C. L. Vasudeva (since deceased), New Delhi
6. Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Pakistan
7. Mr. Hansraj Narula, New Delhi
8. Dr. U. Muhammad, Madras
9. Prof. Zafar Naqib, Kashmir
10. Mr. John Mohammed, Guyana, South America
11. Mr. G. Tripet, Switzerland
12. Mr. Mahendra Prasad, Bihar
13. Dr. A. K. M. Naik, Bombay
14. Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Madras.

The Life Membership fees have been put in Fixed Deposit Account.

We regret to report the sad and untimely demise of Lt. Col. C. L. Vasudeva of New Delhi, who was one of our active Life Members.

Study Classes:

Mr. C. R. N. Swamy conducted five study classes on the Holy Quran, which were based on the book *Students' Quran* by Hashim Amir Ali of Hyderabad.

Prof. Hakim conducted two study classes based on Duncan Greenlees' book, *The Gospel of Islam*. He also delivered five lectures in the International Centre of Theosophical Studies in July 1977.

During the 101st International Convention of the Society in December 1976, Mr. Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed, Retired Judge of the Madras High Court, delivered a lecture on Islam, under the auspices of the Association. Mr. John B. S. Coats presided over the meeting.

New Contacts:

We were able to establish contacts with Pir Vilayat Khan, Head of the Sufi Movement in America, who is doing excellent work for the spread of Sufism in America. We are in touch with his representative in New Delhi, Miss Hayath Bouman, who is a member of our Association.

We received publications from Mrs. Ivy Duce of the Meher Baba Sufi Centre, California, and also from Guru Bava of Sri Lanka. We corresponded with the Vice-President of the Burmese Section and with Mr. M. R. Malick of England on Theosophy, and Islam.

Professor Hakim's tour:

As National Lecturer of the Indian Section of the Society, Prof. Hakim visited Hyderabad, Hospet and Bellary in Rayalaseema Federation. He also visited Bombay, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. As stated earlier, a branch of the Association was formed at Indore during his tour of Madhya Pradesh. He delivered lectures on Theosophy and Islam, as well as on Islam and Sufism at various places he visited.

Conclusion:

We are grateful to our Patron, Mr. John B. S. Coats, and the members of the Executive Committee of The Theosophical Society for allowing us to organise our activities on the Estate, and look forward to their continued support in future.

F. M. G. SAYEED,
Secretary.

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

At the end of last year there were 23 national sections, of which 7 were added during 1976. During the year 1977 some more have joined us, so that the total of participating countries is now 30. The countries that joined during 1977 are: Brasil, Chile, Greece, East and Central Africa (which was not mentioned before, although they have all the time been very active). During the year Mrs. Greta Eedle of London, replaced Ing. Julius Fleischanderl as representative of the TOS for Europe. Mr. Fleischanderl remains our representative for all matters and activities regarding Vegetarianism, Animal Welfare, Anti-Vivisection, and Nutrition, on which he is an expert, being a food chemist.

In January 1977 we started the World Campaign for Compassion and Understanding—a Protest against Cruelty, in which the T.S. also takes part. At that time we published a leaflet and called it "A World Campaign for Humaneness" which title was subsequently changed into the above one. This programme was

presented by the Belgian Section in French "Campagne pour la Bonte"; it has also been translated into Spanish.

Just now we have sent out to all the General Secretaries of the T.S. and all the National Directors four pamphlets headed by the Celtic Benediction of "The Peace of the Quiet Earth", "The Peace of the Running Wave", "The Peace of the Shining Stars" and "The Peace of the Flowing Air", all under the caption "All Life is One" and explaining the wrongs that need be righted from an ecological point of view. Furthermore there are three pamphlets on right activity in this respect.

It is intended to bring these pamphlets to the notice of all the influential people in the world and to influence public opinion.

I would close by humbly recommending this effort for the blessings of the Masters that They may open the eyes of the world.

GUSTA KOOPMAN,
International Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The International President, Mr. John Coats has been in consultation with Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Vice-Chairman, Theosophical World Trust for Education and Research, London (TWTER) and others regarding the desirability of having an International Advisory Committee on Science and Technology. The General Council of the T.S. at its meeting in December, 1976 gave its approval to the constitution of this Committee as well as its terms of reference. The Committee now consists of eleven members with the International President as Chairman and Mr. V. W. Slater as Co-chairman. The members are drawn from scientist members in England, Australia, Brazil, South Africa and U.S.A. besides the five from the Headquarters at Adyar.

A Register of scientifically qualified members of the Theosophical Society has been started in order to effectively draw upon the advice of such members. With the help of the General Secretaries and Presidential Agents we have been able to register the biographical data, scientific qualifications, etc., of 130 members from all over the world. We have also information about 300 members of the American Section of the T. S. who have been classified under scientific occupations. We are in the process of collecting the details of their qualifications, etc.

Theosophy Science is the newly named international journal published by the Theosophical Society, Adyar, sponsored by the TWTER, London and managed by the Theosophical Research Centre, London (TRC) with an international editorial board of which Dr. E. Lester Smith is the Chairman. From Adyar the *Bulletin of the Theosophy Science Study Group, India* is sent out on subscription five times a year.

During the Centenary Convention several scientist members participated in the Seminar on Theosophy and Science. The proceedings of this Seminar have now been edited in close consultation with Mr. V. W. Slater and other members of the TRC, London and published by the T.P.H., Adyar as the book, *Science, Yoga and Theosophy*.

Lectures on Theosophy and Science have been given as a regular feature of the programme of studies at the International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research. Mr. Paramahansa Tewari, an electrical engineer working on an atomic energy project, gave a lecture on "Substantial Space" and his ideas were found to be in close parallel with Theosophical concepts.

A. KANNAN,
Secretary.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Asso-

ciation, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

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trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..
 „ PYARE LAL ..
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than

12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the

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General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides oc-

casional for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman

from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall ensure that the Secretary or other person appointed by the Committee calls for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council by air-mail and at the same time by ordinary mail. Any member of the Society in good standing may be nominated. Each member of the General Council shall be entitled to make three nominations, but each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Federation Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations. The written consent of the member nominated shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nominations, and also the written consent of the nominees, reach the Secretary within three months of the date of the call for nominations. No nominee shall be put on the voting list unless supported by at least five nominations.

At the expiration of three months, the Secretary shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. The names of the nominees qualified to be on the voting list shall be listed in alphabetical order. This list shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

The Secretary shall then immediately communicate by air-mail (and at the same time by ordinary mail) the voting list, together with the names of the nominators of the respective candidates to the General Secretaries, Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and Presidential Agents and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Agent shall make known the names of the candidates and their respective nominators to the members in his area and take the votes of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration at the close of the last official year of the Section or area who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to the close of the said official year and shall communicate the result to the Secretary who shall himself take the votes of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters at the close of the last official year of the Society, who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to the close of the said official year. If only one name remains on the voting list, the subsequent vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of three months from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting returns shall be totalled by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The Candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and he shall assume office thirty days thereafter. In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated

as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes by the Secretary, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues to the International Society have been paid for the last official year.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President,

the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee for consideration at its next following meeting, and shall become valid if approved by a majority of votes of the whole number at the said meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present nor counting as members of the Executive Committee for purposes of such votes. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The Treasurer, Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-option.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other

business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the

Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may

appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Agent from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Agent, as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that

National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the

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President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favor thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of

this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches).

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Federation to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Federation necessary or desirable. Any such Federation may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of Federation business.

A Federation shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Federations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Agents to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business

and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Agent shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below 49, the Secretary shall report that fact to the General Council. If during the following three years the membership of the National Society remains below 49, the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a **General Secretary** General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The **General Secretary** of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, Rs. 18.00; for each Diploma (Certificate) of Membership, Rs. 4.50; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, Rs. 4.50; and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Federation or Presidential Agency for Charter Rs. 18.00, when printed at Adyar, or supplied from Adyar Headquarters. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary such fees and charges and the Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes within three months of their being made. The Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their Annual Subscription pro rata for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of Rs. 1.13 per quarter or as fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay

to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of Rs. 4.50 and an Annual Subscription of Rs. 18.00. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary these fees, and the Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule

country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided), and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee

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for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges (Branches) desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a

place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

DIRECTORY

AT

1 JANUARY, 1978

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. JOHN B. S. COATS

Vice-President: MISS JOY MILLS

Secretary: DR. (MRS.) JEAN RAYMOND

Treasurer: MR. C. R. N. SWAMY

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1912	Burma	... U Kyaw Sein	... No. 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Dr. Norbert Lauppert	... Kaiserfeldgasse 19, Postfach 655, A-8011 Graz
1913	Norway	... Mrs. Hilda Fraser	... Gabels Gate 45 B, Oslo 2
1918	Egypt
1918	Denmark	... Mr. Hardy Bennis	... Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1919	Ireland	... Miss Dorothy Emerson	... Alexandra Guild House, 30 Leinster Road West, Dublin 6

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1919	Mexico	... Sra. Juana de Suarez del Real	... Ignacio Mariscal 126, Mexico 1, D.F.
1919	Canada	... Mr. Ted Davy	... 2307 Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 2M3
1920	Argentina	... Sr. Juan Cassibba	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile	... Sra. Raquel Escobedo de Modrow	... Casilla 538, Limache
1920	Brazil	... Dr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo	... Rua Imperatriz Leopoldina, 8, 17º andar, Rio de Janeiro 20000
1920	Bulgaria	...	...
1921	Iceland	... Mr. Einar Adalsteinsson	... Ingolfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	... Sr. S. Torra Palà	... Layetana 77, Barcelona 10
1921	Portugal	... Dr. (Mrs.) Maria Nobre Santos	... Campo Mártires da Pátria 69, Lisbon 1
1922	Wales	... Mr. Charles E. M. James	... 206 Newport Rd., Cardiff CF2 1DL
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	... Sr. Justo V. de la Vega	... J. Barrios Amorin St., 1085, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	... Sr. Aramis Lopez Tirado	... Calle Isaura Arnau 1149, Country Club, Rio Piedras 00924
1925	Rumania	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia	... Mrs. Mila Grubacevic	... Lino Mariani, 17, Pula 52000
1926	Sri Lanka	... Mr. T. R. Rustomjee	... 49 Peterson Lane, Colombo 6
1928	Greece	... Mr. C. Melissaropoulos	... Dragatsaniou str. 6, Athens 122
1929	Central America	... Srta. Carmen Aguilar Alvarez	... Ave. Simeon Cañas 3-11, Zona 2, Guatemala
1929	Paraguay	...	...
1929	Peru	...	...
1933	Philippines	... Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio	... Corner Iba and P. Florentino Sts., Quezon City
1937	Colombia	... Sr. Manuel Arevalo	... Carrera 6a, No. 56-40, Bogotá
1947	East & Central Africa	... Mr. H. M. Chhaya	... P.O. Box 48507, Nairobi, Kenya
1948	Pakistan*	... Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	... "Q" House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi-4
1948	Malaysia*	... Mr. S. Narayanan	... 12, Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1949	Northern Ireland†	... Mr. Antonio Rodriguez	... Gateway House, 242 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AR,
1950	Israel	...	... P.O. Box 1822, Tel-Aviv (pro tem)
1951	Japan	...	...
1952	Viet-Nam	... Miss Luu-Thi-Dau	... 446 Vo-di-Nguy, Phu-Nhuan, Ho Chi Minh City
1953	Venezuela*	... Sr. Pablo Bonilla T.	... Apartado 2907, Caracas
1956	West Africa†	... Mr. Isaac K. Zaney	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1965	Bolivia*	... Sr. Raul Laguna Lozada	... Casilla 148, La Paz

European Federation	... Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)	... 2, Tekels Park, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2LF, England
Canadian Federation	... Dr. C. Ton Phan (attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)	... 11775 Poincaré, Montreal, Quebec H3L 3L6
Inter-American Federation	Sr. Luis Spairani	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina
World Federation of Young Theosophists	... Mr. Nat Altman,	... R.F.D. 1 Old Church Road, Putnam Valley, N. Y. 10573, U.S.A.

* Presidential Agency } Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the
 † Federation } General Council.

Additional Members of the General Council

- MRS. RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India (for 1976, 1977 and 1978).
- MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, 17 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland 3, New Zealand (for 1977, 1978 and 1979).
- MR. LESLIE H. LESLIE-SMITH, 2 Tekels Park, Camberley GU15 2LF, Surrey, England (for 1976, 1977 and 1978).
- MRS. GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1977, 1978 and 1979).
- MR. JAMES S. PERKINS, 29 Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).
- MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India (for 1976, 1977 and 1978).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 14 6 JY, United Kingdom (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).
- MR. V. WALLACE SLATER, 10, Cranmer Court, Wickliffe Avenue, London, N3 3HG, England (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).
- MR. LUIS SPAIRANI, Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).
- MRS. ANN WYLIE, No. 36, Krotana Hill, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1977, 1978 and 1979).
- MR. SEYMOUR D. BALLARD, P. O. Box 534, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00936 (for 1977, 1978 and 1979).
- MRS. EMILY SELLON, Hillandale Road, Port Chester, N.Y. 10573, U.S.A. (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).

SUMMARY

*Of the Minutes of the General Council Meetings of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 25th & 31st December 1977
& 1st, 2nd & 3rd January 1978*

PRESENT

Mr. John B. S. Coats	.. President (in the Chair)
Miss Joy Mills	.. Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in Central America and for Mr. Luis Spairani, Additional Member.
Dr. Jean Raymond	.. Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Yugoslavia and East and Central Africa.
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	.. Treasurer.
Miss Ianthe Hoskins	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in England, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in France.
Mrs. Radha Burnier	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in India, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden and Finland.
Mr. Arend Heybroek	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in The Netherlands.
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	.. Additional Member
Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith	.. Additional Member
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	.. Additional Member
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	.. Additional Member
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	.. Additional Member
Mr. F. Whittle	.. Observer (Australia)
Mr. R. Soebroto	.. Observer (Indonesia)
Mr. L. Dadswell	.. Observer (Canada)
Mrs. Theja Gunawardhane	.. Observer (Sri Lanka)
Mr. H. D. Shah	.. Observer (East and Central Africa)
Mr. Charles Baiden	.. Observer (West Africa)
Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith	.. Observer (European Federation)

Some members were not present at all meetings.

Adoption of the minutes of the meetings of the General Council held on 25th & 31st December 1976 and 1st, 2nd and 3rd January 1977:

The minutes were adopted with minor amendments.

Matters arising out of minutes:

(a) *Committee on Structure and Procedures—consideration of report.* It was resolved to circulate the following proposals of the Committee on Structure and Procedures for voting by the General Council:

(i) *Rule 14.*

Consequent on the proposed revised wording for Rule 46, it was resolved to circulate for voting the following amendment to Rule 14:

"The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, *or until its next Annual Meeting, . . .*" (amendment in italics)

(ii) *Powers and Duties of Executive Committee:*

It was resolved to circulate for voting the proposal on powers and duties of the Executive Committee as in the report, to be inserted as a Rule between Rules 14 and 15, if adopted:

"The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

1. The power to amend or repeal the Rules;
2. The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;
3. Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget."

(iii) *Associate Membership:*

It was resolved to use the word "affiliated" instead of "associate" because the latter is used in several different contexts in various Sections, and may lead to confusion. It was resolved to circulate for voting the following paragraph to be added to the Rules as sub-section (c) of Rule 29:

"Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership."

(iv) *Rule 35a and Rule 36 Para 2:*

It was resolved to circulate for voting the revisions to the Rules 35 (a) and 36, para 2, as drafted by the Committee.

Rule 35 (a) to read: "A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches), *consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.*" (amendment in italics)

Rule 36, para. 2, to be amended to read:

"If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below 70 *and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below 5*, the Secretary shall report that fact to the General Council. If during the following three years the membership of the National Society remains below 70 *and the number of Lodges (Branches) below 5*,

the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter." (amendment in italics)

(v) *Definition of "Federation":*

It was agreed to circulate for voting the proposal of the Committee that the term "Federation" in Rule 35 (c) and Rule 41 of the International Rules be changed to "Regional Association" and that "Federation Secretary" and "Organizing Secretary" be changed to "Regional Representative". It was also agreed to circulate for voting a proposal that the term "Presidential Agent" in Rule 35 (d) and Rule 41 of the International Rules be changed to "Presidential Representative".

(vi) *Rule 36, Para. 1 Cancellation of Lodge Charter:*

It was proposed to circulate for voting the following amendment:
 "... and be cancelled by the same authority *after due inquiry and consultation with the National Society and the Lodge (Branch) concerned.*" (amendment in italics)

(vii) *Rules 41 (a) and 42, para. 2. Fees and Charges of Lodges attached to Adyar and Fellows-at-large.*

It was agreed that the amount of the charges for Lodges attached to Adyar and Fellows-at-large need not be included in the International Rules. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall continue to have the power to fix and vary these fees, but should inform the General Council of changes. It was therefore resolved to circulate for voting the following revisions to Rules 41 (a) and 42 para 2:

Rule 41 (a):

"The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society: for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for the Annual Subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Federation or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.*

Rule 42, para. 2:

"Fellows-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made. (amendments in italics)

(viii) *Rule 41 (b):*

It was resolved to circulate for voting the proposal that Rule 41 (b) be deleted as it refers to Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges attached directly to Adyar and the amount of *pro rata* dues is so small as to be almost meaningless at present. It was agreed that new members should pay a full year's dues on admission.

It was reported that the President, Secretary and Treasurer had increased the annual dues for Fellows-at-large from Rs. 18 to Rs. 30 per annum. This increase will take effect from 1.4.78.

(ix) *Amendments to Rules 46 and 47: International Convention and World Congress:*

It was resolved to circulate for voting the following amended Rules 46 and 47.

Rule 46:

"The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held *at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India, not more than once in every three years.* National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in *January* of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make." (amendments in italics.)

Rule 47:

"*Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of the Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.*" (amendment in italics).

(x) *Rule 10:*

It was resolved to circulate for voting, clause by clause, a revised Rule 10 (see Appendix "A")

Rule 21 (b): Investment of Society's Funds:

It was pointed out that Rule 21 (b) provides for the investment of the Society's funds only in government or other public securities, immovable property or first mortgage on such property. The Society already has large sums invested in fixed deposits with nationalised banks and is also holding a number of shares gifted to it by benefactors. It was agreed that the provisions of Rule 21(b) should be broadened to enable the Society to invest more widely if the need arose. It was resolved to ask Mrs. Radha Burnier to consult an expert regarding the amendment to the Rule, which may then be circulated for voting.

It was resolved to reappoint the following members of the Committee on Structure and Procedures:

Mr. John Coats, *President (Chairman)*

Miss Joy Mills, *Vice-President (Vice-Chairman)*

Dr. Jean Raymond, *Secretary*

Mrs. Radha Burnier, *General Secretary, Indian Section*

Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, *Chairman, European Federation*

Mr. Luis Spairani, *President, Inter-American Federation*

It was also resolved not to reappoint Mrs. Elaine Murdoch, General Secretary, Australian Section and Mr. A. B. Patel as members of the Committee and to appoint Mrs. Emily Sellon, Additional Member, General Council, to the Committee.

It was pointed out that there is a lack of uniformity with regard to the definition of a "lapsed member," in the various Sections. The matter was referred back to the Committee for drafting a definition for inclusion in the International Rules.

The International President had put forward a proposal that the second and subsequent terms of the International President should be reduced to five years. After discussion it was resolved not to take up this proposal.

(b) *History of Theosophical Movement:*

It was reported that no major action has yet been taken on the proposal to write a history of the Theosophical Movement. The Archives of Point Loma Publications has been made available to the International Vice-President and it is possible that a major portion of these Archives may be microfilmed and the films deposited at Adyar.

(c) *Judiciary Committee:*

Mr. Justice A. R. Bakshi has agreed to serve as a member of the Judiciary Committee. It was recommended that the Committee consider the nature of the identity of a Theosophical Lodge and whether it is possible to define when it ceases to serve as such. It was also recommended that National Societies be advised to provide in their rules for the protection of Lodge property from loss to the Society.

(d) *Theosophical Magazines:*

Reasons for the change in format and content of *The Theosophist* from the October issue were explained. It was reported that the journal had only about 1,750 subscribers at present, and this figure had remained relatively constant for many years. Wide publicity during the Centenary had resulted in an increase of only 100 subscribers, and in the two subsequent years, half this number had been lost again. It had been thought that the journal should be of interest to members as well as attract the attention of non-members and introduce them to Theosophy. It appeared not to be fulfilling either aim adequately.

Although it was agreed that some change in the journal was needed in this direction, it was considered that the present Assistant Editor lacked the experience and background to present the theosophical philosophy suitably through the magazine. The Council recommended that a change in the Assistant Editor be made and the President reported that he was appointing someone else for a trial period of six months.

It was pointed out that the change in format involved a considerable increase in expenditure exceeding the budget, which had been incurred with the knowledge of the members of the T.P.H. Council present in Adyar at the time, but which had not been referred to the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee for prior sanction. This was deplored.

(e) *Consultative status with United Nations:*

It was agreed that the Society, as represented by the General Council, may make statements of principle, but may not enter into specific applications because of the policy of neutrality and the freedom of every member to his own opinion. With this attitude clarified, it was resolved to make further investigations about the possibility of consultative status with the United Nations or one of its subsidiary bodies.

(f) *Lands in Sindh:*

It had been mistakenly reported to the previous year's Council meeting that the Society could lay claim to land given near Chandigarh in compensation for the lands in Sindh lost by the Society. It had been subsequently ascertained that no compensatory land had been given in Chandigarh for the Society's land in Pakistan. However, although

any fresh claim is now time-barred, the Society is making enquiries whether the matter may be reopened.

(g) *Subba Row Medals:*

The President reported that Dr. Taimni was not willing to accept the Subba Row Medal presented to him. Miss Ianthe Hoskins had presented Dr. E. Lester-Smith with his Medal on behalf of the President.

(h) *International Fund in Europe:*

The project to set up an International Fund in Europe is being abandoned, and National Societies holding funds will use them for international theosophical work as periodically recommended. Mr. Ronald Bird, Treasurer of the English Section and member of the International Finance Advisory Committee, is to be requested to act as co-ordinator.

(i) *International Advisory Committee on Science and Technology:*

The Committee has been appointed with representatives in various countries. A register is being made up of member scientists whose names have been submitted to the Secretary of the Committee. The former *Research Centre Journal* has been renamed *Theosophy/Science* and is being published under the auspices of the Theosophical World Trust for Education and Research. Some form of editorial control may be advisable for the *Theosophy-Science Study Group Bulletin* of India.

(j) *International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research:*

Programmes in the Centre are still in the stage of development. The East & Central African Section had sponsored a promising young African, Reuben Thuku, to study at the Centre and then to return to the Section to work fulltime for the Society. The Headquarters has undertaken to meet the cost of his board and lodging while he is at Adyar in the form of a scholarship from the Centre.

Dr. B. R. Mullik had undertaken a course of extension lectures at Poona University. An attempt was being made to encourage individual research students. It is possible that a bulk tape copier may be obtained to make tapes of lectures and courses available for students around the world.

(k) *International Theosophical Youth Centre:*

It has not yet been possible to register a name for the Centre's newsletter. A Speakers' Course had been introduced in America, under the auspices of the Centre. A small allowance may be provided for young people coming to work at the centre in Adyar.

(l) *Kotagiri properties:*

Lt. Col. D. F. Pandit has been appointed in place of Mrs. Winifred McAlpin as manager of the properties. An attempt is being made to improve the water supply to the bungalows.

(m) *Adyar Estate:*

Renovations to the Damodar Gardens buildings are almost complete. The proposal to develop a creative centre for children will then be taken up, and Lt. Col. R. Gopalaratnam may be appointed to manage the Centre.

During 1977 the Society enrolled all its employees in the Employees' Provident Fund and Family Pension Fund as required by law. It had been obliged to pay its share of the contributions retrospectively from December 1974, and the employees share retrospectively from July 1976, involving an outlay of Rs. 94,707. The future annual outlay will be Rs. 48,000 approximately for the Society's contribution. In addition the employees have been given an increase in pay from February '77 to offset the monthly deductions for their contributions to the Funds.

It was reported that the Executive Committee had formed an *ad hoc* committee to go into the wage structure of the Society and to propose possible revisions. This committee has not yet completed its deliberations. It was agreed that a living wage should be paid to the Society's employees and that the Society should not depend on donations to subsidize the wages.

Mrs. Alwyn Miechel, who is in charge of the Archives had reported that it was not possible to copy the microfilms satisfactorily in India. Arrangements may be made for them to be copied overseas and returned to Adyar. An air-conditioner has been installed in a partitioned room in the Archives premises for better protection of fragile material.

The former General Manager, Lt. Col. R. Gopalaratnam, had submitted reports to the Executive Committee on almost all the departments, based on which certain actions had been taken to improve their working.

It was reported that at the beginning of the Convention a foundation stone had been laid for the Sikh Shrine near the Liberal Catholic Church. Most of the funds for this had been donated by Sikh members of the T.S. Although an offer had been made during the Convention to collect funds and to build a Jain Temple on the estate, it was decided not to proceed with this project. As the plinth of the Hebrew Temple had been in existence for some years, it was agreed that if sufficient funds are collected in the Hebrew Temple Fund, a small Temple may be constructed.

A Meditation Room has been opened. It is located in the eastern section of the Museum wing in the Headquarters building, which has been walled off for the purpose. The room will be open throughout the day to anyone who wishes to use it for meditation.

Confirmation of Voting:

(i) Election of Vice-president:

The results of voting for the re-election of Miss Joy Mills as Vice-President were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
35	—	—	35

The voting results were confirmed.

(ii) Election of four Additional Members for the years 1978, 1979 and 1980.

The voting was as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) Mr. James S. Perkins	32	—	—	32
(b) Mrs. Emily Sellon	31	1	—	32
(c) Dr. Hugh Shearman	28	1	3	32
(d) Mr. V. Wallace Slater	31	—	1	32

The above were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1978, 1979 and 1980.

The General Secretary of the Indian Section pointed out that the Indian Section membership represented a large proportion of the membership of the Society and requested that consideration should be given to larger representation from within India among the Additional Members.

(iii) *Deletion of "Recording" from the term "Recording Secretary" in the International Rules:*

The results of the voting were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
36	—	—	36

The amendment was adopted.

(iv) *Rule 14. Replacement of the word "co-optation" by "co-option".*

The results of the voting were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
35	—	1	36

The amendment was adopted.

(v) *Rule 38.*

The voting on the amendment as hereunder was as follows:

"Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a General Secretary. . ."
(amendments in italics)

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
36	—	—	36

The amendment was adopted.

(vi) *Sale of old Olcott School premises:*

Results of the voting were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
30	1	5	36

The voting in favour of sale was confirmed, in accordance with Rule 21 (c).

However, it was agreed that no immediate action should be taken towards the sale of the property, as there is no urgency for sale, and such a valuable site would be difficult to regain once disposed of. It was agreed that further thought should be given to possible use by the Society.

(vii) *Sale of plot of ground to Mr. S. Annaswamy:*

The results of the voting were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
27	2	7	36

Voting in favour of sale was confirmed in accordance with Rule 21 (c). However it was considered that the Society should not dispose of parts of its Estate

too frequently or easily, even small portions such as this, and it was resolved not to proceed with the sale.

Consideration of resolutions submitted by the members T.S. in the Philippines through the General Secretary on a fourth Object of the T.S. as proposed by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson; "To affirm the continuance of the mystery tradition".

After discussion it was resolved not to take action on the proposal of the T.S. in the Philippines to add a fourth object. However the intention behind the proposal was appreciated.

Consideration of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's letter dated 5th May 1977:

A letter from Mr. Geoffrey Hodson had been circulated to the members of the Council with the Agenda. In it he raised questions as to what more could be done by the members of the T.S. in the present world crisis. He also made several suggestions in this regard. The letter was discussed and the members expressed appreciation of Mr. Hodson's concern and agreed that the questions raised should be given due consideration. All members of the Council including those not present should give serious thought to the matter.

Report of the Non-English Publications Fund for the year ending 30th September 1977:

The report was received. The Vice-Chairman of the Fund, Miss Joy Mills, reported that the Urdu translation of *The Key to Theosophy* had been published in Pakistan. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a comprehensive catalogue of all theosophical books which have been translated from English into other languages. Plans are underway for the creation of a Theosophical Publishing House in South America, to handle Spanish and Portuguese translations.

It was resolved to reappoint the members of the Committee as follows:

Mr. John Coats, *President (Chairman)*
 Miss Joy Mills, *Vice-President (Vice-Chairman)*
 Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, *Manager, T.P.H., Adyar*
 Mr. Clarence Pederson, *Publications Manager, T.P.H., Wheaton*
 Mr. Michael Maxwell, *Chairman, T.P.H., London*
 Mr. Luis Spairani, *President, Inter-American Federation*
 Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, *Chairman, European Federation.*

A vote of thanks was recorded to the Vice-Chairman for hard work on the Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 31st October 1977:

The Executive Committee's report was received.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1977:

It was noted that a substantial reduction in deficits had occurred in several departments due to stricter control. This was the result of a steep fall in expenditure. In addition in the Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers a revised procedure had been instituted whereby the income for lodging is credited to the hostels, instead of to General Funds.

The Laundry Department had been closed since 1st April 1977, and was now being run by a contractor. Salaries and Wages of the following Departments have been charged to them instead of being shown under the general head of "Salaries and Wages". International Offices, Estate Management, Headquarters Department, Movable Properties Department, Information Department.

The Treasurer pointed out that he has no way of ascertaining which Sections are in arrears of dues. The method of calculation is not intimated to him when a amount is remitted and Sections differ in their methods of assessing the 15% of dues to be sent to Adyar.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted and the Accounts passed for the year ending 31st March 1977.

Budget for the year ending 31st March 1979:

The revised Budget for the year ending 31st March 1978 and the Budget for the year ending 31st March 1979, were adopted subject to the Executive Committee and Finance Committee ensuring that the Budget is not exceeded without their prior review and sanction. It was pointed out that the Budget for *The Theosophist* for the current year had been exceeded without sanction by the Finance and Executive Committees.

Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31st March 1979:

Messrs. N. A. Naganathan & Co. were reappointed as auditors for the year ending 31st March 1979 on the same terms as in the current year.

Report of the Finance Committees:

The Report of the local Finance Committee was received. It was resolved to revise the terms of reference of the local Finance Committee to read as follows: "A consultative and advisory body to assist the Treasurer in supervising financial matters and in periodic review of accounts. . ."

No report was received from the International Finance Committee.

It was resolved to reappoint the same members of the International Finance Committee, namely:

Mr. Ronald Bird (England)
Mr. Brian Parry (Australia)
Mr. John Sellon (U.S.A.)

The following were reappointed to the local Finance Committee:

President	} <i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President	
Treasurer	
General Manager	
Mrs. Radha Burnier, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	
Mr. R. Nityananda	
Mr. K. Viswanathan, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	

It was also resolved to appoint Mr. N. Ananthanarayanan, Auditor, to replace Mr. C. Dandapani, who had resigned during 1977, and to appoint the International Secretary *ex-officio* to the Committee.

Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1978:

The following were appointed to the Executive Committee for 1978:

President	} <i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Mrs. Radha Burnier, <i>General Council, Member</i>	
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, <i>General Council, Member</i>	
Mr. R. Gopalaratnam	
Mr. Robin Keefe	
Mr. C. Seshadri	
Mr. K. Viswanathan	

European Congress, August 10-17, 1978, Durham, England:

It was reported that the European Federation would be holding a Congress at Grey College, Durham, August 10-17, 1978. The International Vice-President would chair the two meetings of the General Council to be held during the Congress. It was agreed that these meetings would be consultative in nature only. The Agenda would concentrate on matter of policy.

Approach made by Mr. J. D. Aranha, formerly Controller, Security Department, Adyar, to General Council Members visiting Adyar:

Mr. J. D. Aranha, formerly Controller, Security Department, had approached several General Council members visiting Adyar with complaints about the administration at Adyar. The Council Members had formed the opinion that Mr. Aranha's complaints were not well-founded. It was agreed that he should not remain in residence. The President reported that steps had already been taken for Mr. Aranha to vacate his quarters, and expert advice had been obtained on the matter.

Duties of Deputy to the President:

A proposed list of duties of the Deputy to the President was approved in principle. It was recommended that, if possible, either the President or Vice-President should be in Adyar at any one time.

Letter from Mr. Geoffrey Farthing to the International Secretary concerning the relationship of the Esoteric School to the Theosophical Society, and apparent conflict of interest during the Convention Programme:

Mr. Geoffrey Farthing's letter to the International Secretary was tabled, in which he questioned the priorities in allocating time and space for meetings of the Esoteric School during the Convention. His communication was received and noted.

Proposal from the General Secretary, T. S. in America, to include Art in the Second Object:

After discussion, it was resolved not to circulate the proposal for voting. It was pointed out that art can be considered as an expression of religion, philosophy or science and need not be described as a separate entity.

Decentralisation of the International Headquarters:

There was discussion on the possibility of decentralising the international work because of possible danger from environmental factors at Adyar. After discussion, it was agreed that at present there are no overwhelming reasons to take action in this direction. It was pointed out that with regard to decentralising the publication of literature and duplication of the Archives material, some action has already been undertaken.

Inclusion of literature of other organisation in the Convention folder issued to Delegates:

Several items of literature belonging to other organisations had been included in the folder distributed to the delegates during the 1977 International Convention. It was agreed that this should not be permitted in future.

Appendix "A"

RULE 10

(Proposed revision of rule)

The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, *the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of the Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinunder detailed. This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee. It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.*

(b) *Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out, within seven days, a written call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council. The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.*

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, *having been a member for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding his nomination*, may be nominated. Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Federation Secretary* or Organizing Secretary*, shall be entitled to make three nominations *and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations. The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Federation Secretary* or Organizing Secretary* shall be entitled to make one nomination. The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.* It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) *together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.*

(d) At the expiration of *ten weeks*, the *Election Committee* shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. *The three/five† nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.* No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least *twelve* nominations. The names of the nominees *who thus qualify for inclusion* shall be listed in alphabetical order. This list, *as finalized by the Executive Committee*, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate *in writing* by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with *biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix*

* "Regional Secretaries" if the amendment to Rule 35 (c) is adopted.

† "Three" or "five" to be decided by the voting on the amendments. To have five candidates gives a greater chance that a minority President may be elected. On the other hand, it **allows** a wider choice of candidates.

A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries* and Presidential Agents† and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary, Federation Secretary,* Organising Secretary* and Presidential Agent† shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area, and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules. The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations. The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him. If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.*

(f) *At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee. Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate shown to have received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office thirty days thereafter. In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.*

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Federation‡ or Presidential Agency or in the case of members of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large, to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

Appendix A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words. The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining the Theosophical Society (e) work done for the Theosophical Society. Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

* "Regional Secretaries" if the amendment to Rule 35 (c) is adopted.

† "Presidential Representative" if the amendment to Rule 35 (d) is adopted.

‡ "Regional Association" if amendment to Rule 35 (c) is adopted.

Appendix B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election

Note: Where the term "General Secretary" is used, it refers also to Federation Secretary,* Organizing Secretary* and Presidential Agent.† Where the term "Section" is used it refers also to National Societies, Federations‡ and Presidential Agencies.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced. Where practicable, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area. It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member. Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting paper should consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary. Each member should be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary should open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form. He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box. This box should be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that Committee). The scrutineers should open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of "For" or "Against" votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon. He shall place Form C in the small envelope labelled "Voting Result Section", seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary. This must be sent by air-mail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting. It shall then be opened by the Election Committee. The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact. The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by air-mail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked "Duplicate". Cabled results will not be accepted. Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

* "Regional Secretary" if the amendment to Rule 35 (c) is adopted.

† "Presidential Representative" if the amendment to Rule 35 (d) is adopted.

‡ "Regional Associations" if amendment to Rule 35 (c) is adopted.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1977

National Sections (Active) ..	39
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	6
Federations formed under Rule 35(c) ..	3
Total Lodges ..	1,153
Total Membership 1976 ..	34,693
Total Membership 1977 ..	34,705

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	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America ..	90	5,529
2. England ..	68	2,145
3. India ..	446	9,584
4. Australia ..	15	1,273
5. Sweden ..	9	318
6. New Zealand ..	17	1,467
7. The Netherlands ..	25	962
8. France ..	42	1,467
9. Italy ..	24	650
10. Germany ..	13	301
11. Cuba (1976) ..	19	430 (1976)
12. Hungary ..	—	—
13. Finland ..	22	489
14. Russia ..	—	—
15. Czechoslovakia ..	—	—
16. Southern Africa ..	8	356
17. Scotland (1976) ..	4	100 (1976)
18. Switzerland ..	9	211
19. Belgium ..	9	242
20. Indonesia* ..	22	798
21. Burma ..	4	119
22. Austria ..	4	244
23. Norway ..	8	144
24. Egypt ..	—	—
25. Denmark ..	16	403
26. Ireland ..	1	63
27. Mexico ..	21	359
28. Canada ..	12	280
29. Argentina ..	43	893
30. Chile ..	6	44
31. Brazil ..	39	1,003
32. Bulgaria ..	—	—
33. Iceland ..	13	619
34. Spain* ..	8	—
35. Portugal ..	13	291
36. Wales ..	3	92
37. Poland ..	—	—
38. Uruguay ..	11	180
39. Puerto Rico ..	2	90
40. Rumania ..	—	—
41. Yugoslavia ..	4	101
42. Sri Lanka (1976) ..	7	75 (1976)

* Presidential Agency.

† Federation

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
43. Greece ..	5	252
44. Central America ..	14	207
45. Paraguay ..	—	—
46. Peru (see below) ..	—	—
47. The Philippines ..	19	317
48. Colombia ..	9	126
49. East & Cen- tral Africa ..	25	1,331
50. Pakistan* ..	4	172
51. Malaysia* ..	3	60
52. Northern Ireland† ..	3	42
53. Israel (see below) ..	—	—
54. Japan (see below) ..	—	—
55. Viet-Nam (No Report) ..	—	—
56. Venezuela* ..	3 (1974)	40 (1974)
57. West Africa† ..	10	241
58. Bolivia* ..	4	60
59. Canadian Federation† ..	10	114
60. Fellows-at-Large ..	—	180
61. Lodges attached directly to Adyar		
Chile ..	1	—
Israel ..	5	79
Peru ..	3	57
Hong Kong ..	1	15
Singapore ..	1	41
Japan ..	1	21
Bangladesh ..	1	28
Total	1,153	34,705

Study Centres:

United States of America ..	64
England ..	22
India ..	24
Australia ..	1
Italy ..	4
Switzerland ..	1
Argentina ..	2
Brazil ..	1
Mexico ..	2
The Philippines ..	2
Burma ..	3
Pakistan ..	2
West Africa ..	5
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DR. JEAN RAYMOND,
Secretary.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 1977

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR ENDING 31-3-1976		Current Year Ending 31-3-1977	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Departmental Results:				
Adyar Library ...	-112,031.02		-55,667.20	
Bhojanasala ...	- 45,663.09		+ 371.64	
Consumer Stores ...	+ 2,114.10		+ 4,484.53	
Garden Department ...	- 79,560.88		-44,628.96	
Laundry Department ...	- 8,749.61		- 8,974.92	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	- 82,183.41		- 5,392.43	
Maintenance Department ...	- 73,071.94		-66,222.88	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 65,773.74		+69,470.84	
Vasanta Press ...	+ 2,523.36		+ 2,242.23	
		330,848.75		104,317.15
Depreciation:				
On Kotagiri Property ...	1,881.62		1,999.50	
On Immovable Property ...	71,933.69		78,147.52	
On Film Projector, Air Condi- tioner and Tape Recorder ...	7,051.40		2,424.30	
On Motor Vehicles ...	13,690.25		10,952.20	
On Movable Property ...	16,914.30		15,220.50	
		111,471.26		108,744.02
Establishment and other Expenses:				
Adyar Newsletter ...	1,923.32		3,271.03	
Bad debts ...	612.78		115.24	
Boundary Expenses ...	29,077.44		—	
Child Welfare Centre ...	7,330.62		6,767.98	
Convention 1976 ...	—		26,782.36	
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	—		164.50	
Dispensary ...	16,631.94		15,273.75	
Electricity and Water ...	14,325.91		12,676.55	
Estate Management ...	—		16,263.85	
Fire Insurance ...	1,514.15		1,575.76	
Headquarters Department ...	—		12,293.00	
Information Department ...	—		5,855.14	
Insurance Fund Administration ...	—		33.30	
International Offices—General ...	15,687.44		41,333.43	
Kotagiri Property—Maintenance...	2,633.69		10,140.16	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	9,512.50		9,820.17	
Miscellaneous ...	13,255.12		9,425.79	
Movable Properties Dept. ...	—		31,501.54	
Museum and Archives ...	9,798.32		15,893.54	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	14,292.79		15,767.35	
Printing and Stationery ...	26,643.92		20,012.66	
P.F. Administration ...	—		113.30	
Publications to General Secretaries	1,951.13		1,853.83	
Repairs and Renewals ...	242,236.15		72,157.27	
Retirement Allowances ...	17,006.09		18,373.84	
Sanitary Department ...	20,778.16		21,047.61	
Security Department ...	77,480.66		109,259.74	
Taxes ...	76,745.92		32,592.11	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,889.14		1,825.37	
Salaries and Wages ...	85,148.21		—	
		686,475.40		512,190.17
Gratuity allocation ...		4,802.00		—
Loss on sale of Korestat Copier: ...		—		7,035.55
		1,133,597.41		732,286.89

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020
31st August, 1977.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
C. R. N. SWAMY,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1977

INCOME					PREVIOUS YEAR ENDING 31-3-1976	Current Year Ending 31-3-1977
					Rs.	Rs.
Donations	...	...	...	...	7,344.12	12,621.51
Interest (net)	...	...	...	...	326,512.58	337,781.57
Quarters' Maintenance	...	...	...	...	97,038.20	62,613.08
Scrap Sales	...	...	...	...	3,550.00	—
Sale of Casuarina Trees	...	...	...	...	—	34,094.21
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	...	...	...	699,152.51	285,176.52
					1,133,597.41	732,286.89

Examined and found correct.
N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.
N. ANANTHANARAYANAN, F.C.A. Partner.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
General Fund:					
As per last Balance Sheet ...		5,036,108.28		4,582,558.90	
Add: Receipts during the year:					
Bequests ...		28,817.21		24,468.97	
Donations ...		11,384.60		217,561.85	
Fees and Dues ...		156,459.55		113,195.64	
Balance of Life Policy of late R.E. Ani ...		4,251.00		—	
Surplus on disposal of Buildings and lands ...		15,500.00		—	
75th Anniversary Book Transfers ...		46.80		129.60	
		47,563.59		47,428.98	
		5,300,131.03		4,985,343.94	
Less: Reversals ...		8,419.62		—	
		5,291,711.41		4,985,343.94	
Less: Value of Land in Sindh written off ...		10,000.00		—	
		5,281,711.41		4,985,343.94	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...		699,152.51		285,176.52	
			4,582,558.90		4,700,167.42
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)			2,167,356.91		2,185,924.86
Exchange Equalisation Fund ...			182,992.47		158,613.58
Other Funds: (See Notes below)					
(i) Of The Society: Interest bearing					
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...		35,739.77		36,809.28	
Miscellaneous Funds (c) ...		406,371.23		407,263.82	
			442,111.00		444,073.10
(ii) Of The Society: Non-Interest bearing					
President's Travelling Fund ...		21,851.24		30,964.66	
Miscellaneous Funds ...		238,540.54		295,803.17	
			260,391.78		326,767.83
(iii) Of others: Interest bearing ...			102,330.92		109,330.32
(iv) Of others: Non-Interest bearing ...			16,190.46		16,392.28
C/o			7,753,932.44		7,941,269.39

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 31st MARCH 1977

ASSETS		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Immovable Properties: (At Cost)		199,586.09		199,086.09	
Less: Land sold during the year ...		500.00		—	
Lands at Urur (At Cost) ...			199,086.09 3,882.40		199,086.09 3,882.40
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)					
As per last Balance Sheet ...		2,275,247.76		2,718,995.82	
Additions ...		443,748.06		290,368.09	
Less: Depreciation to date ...		2,718,995.82 752,522.54	1,966,473.28	3,009,363.91 830,670.06	2,178,693.85
Buildings under Construction:					
Beach Side Houses ...		74,423.18		—	
Buddhist Temple Tank ...		45,726.76		—	
"Gulistan", KOTAGIRI (At Cost)			120,149.94		—
As per last Balance Sheet ...		20,790.72		45,264.57	
Additions ...		24,473.85		4,716.00	
Less: Depreciation to date ...		45,264.57 10,836.53	34,428.04	49,980.57 12,086.03	37,894.54
"Rose Windows " KOTAGIRI (At Cost)					
As per last Balance Sheet ...		30,000.00		30,000.00	
Less: Depreciation to date ...		1,500.00	28,500.00	2,250.00	27,750.00
Movable Property at Adyar:					
Furniture & Fixtures: (At Cost)					
As per last Balance Sheet ...		144,472.09		212,406.98	
Additions ...		67,994.89		6,419.50	
Less: Disposals ...		212,466.98 60.00		218,826.48 796.85	
Less: Depreciation to date ...		212,406.98 116,559.58	95,847.40	218,029.63 131,780.08	86,249.55
Motor Cars (At Cost)					
As per last Balance Sheet ...		130,309.58		131,100.27	
Additions ...		790.69		—	
Less: Depreciation to date ...		131,100.27 76,219.07	54,881.20	131,100.27 87,171.27	43,929.00
C/o			2,503,248.35		2,577,485.43

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		7,753,932.44		7,941,269.39
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:				
Building Fund ...	602,478.70		602,478.70	
Immovable Property at Juhu ...	34,500.00		33,500.00	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	12,459.87		13,889.87	
Gratuity Reserve ...	9,896.81		—	
		659,335.38		649,868.57
T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:				
Capital Fund ...	56,393.25		79,240.08	
Reserves and Surplus ...	373,229.22		388,744.98	
Creditors ...	203,075.67		295,687.55	
T.P.H. Investments ...	148,000.00		158,000.00	
		780,698.14		921,672.61
Vasanta Press:				
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ...	4,966.42		4,928.42	
Retirement Allowance Reserve ...	8,021.25		3,433.15	
New Machinery Fund ...	431,932.15		434,596.30	
		444,919.82		442,957.87
Gratuity Reserve ...		142,423.20		140,731.43
Reserves:				
Casuarina Development ...		48,845.79		48,845.79
Sundry Creditors:				
For Departments ...	49,619.49		60,143.05	
For Others ...	456,565.24		455,081.99	
		506,184.73		515,225.04
Sundry Deposits ...		127,498.46		108,669.77
Liabilities for Expenses ...		15,522.96		6,000.00
 <i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes. (b) Interest only available for general purposes. (c) Interest only available for specific purposes.</i>				
		10,479,360.92		10,775,240.47

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020
2nd September, 1977.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
C. R. N. SWAMY,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 31st MARCH 1977

ASSETS		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f	...		2,503,248.35		2,577,485.43
Investments (At Cost)					
Government of India Loans	...	255,051.76		255,051.76	
State Government Loans	...	250,495.00		19,000.00	
Foreign Investments	...	369,452.14		345,073.25	
Miscellaneous Securities	...	69,654.69		176,314.69	
Fixed Deposits	...	2,967,400.00		3,204,400.00	
			3,912,053.59		3,999,839.70
Interest Accrued on Investments	...		86,294.50		83,823.30
Departmental Assets:					
(As valued and certified by the Management)					
Water Line Meter Installations	...	144.17		129.70	
Electrical Installations	...	47,423.23		53,699.04	
Telephone Installations	...	21,038.45		18,934.60	
Tools, Equipments, etc.	...	114,467.93		99,351.58	
Printing Machinery etc.	...	962,585.90		896,069.15	
Amounts Recoverable	...	24,690.96		24,640.96	
Standing Crops and Developments	...	2,681.15		11,285.96	
Stock on hand	...	304,091.92		299,481.40	
			1,477,123.71		1,403,592.39
Korestat Copier:		24,419.45		—	
Less: Depreciation		4,883.90		—	
			19,535.55		—
Adyar Library Assets	...		1,083,697.76		1,120,845.05
T.P.H. Assets:					
Assets	...	815,944.54		983,757.98	
Investments	...	148,300.00		158,300.00	
Cash and Bank Balances	...	58,357.72		80,989.59	
			1,022,602.26		1,223,047.57
Sundry Assets	...		2,744.05		6,175.81
Loans and Advances	...		152,393.35		229,313.48
Outstanding Income:					
Subscriptions	...	11,926.36		2,956.36	
Fees and Dues	...	3,559.04		7,334.95	
			15,485.40		10,291.31
Security Deposit	...		2,110.00		1,650.00
Sundry Debtors:					
(Considered good by Management)			30,450.18		24,842.11
Prepaid Expenses	...		6,265.23		5,916.87
Cash:					
In Madras Banks on Current Account	...	137,367.75		71,041.79	
In London Bank Account	...	11,409.54		11,469.25	
On hand	...	16,579.70		5,906.41	
			165,356.99		88,417.45
			10,479,360.92		10,775,240.47

Examined and found correct.

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Chartered Accountants.

N. ANANTHANARAYANAN, F.C.A., Partner.

A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Amount</i>
		<i>Rs.</i>
1.	3 % Conversion Loan, 1946-1986	261,200
2.	4½ % Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank Debentures, 1970-80	15,000
3.	10 % Bank of Baroda, Deposit	100,000
4.	10 % Punjab National Bank, Deposit	150,000
5.	10 % Indian Bank, Deposit	1,434,000
6.	10 % Grindlays Bank, Deposit	100,000
7.	10 % Bank of India, Deposit	50,000
8.	12 Years National Defence Certificates	10,000
9.	4 % Canadian Pacific Railway Co. £ 3,000/-	45,000
10.	4½ % Kenya Government Loan £ 500/-	7,500
Total ...		2,172,700

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1977

	1975-76	1976-77
	Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	—	771.68
„ Australia	15,488.07	15 846.76
„ Austria	1,818.04	1,988.99
„ Belgium	1 727.25	2,571.36
„ Brazil	1 906.80	—
„ Bolivia	—	445.87
„ Canada	2,055.60	1,949.87
„ Central America	—	2,179.10
„ Chile	522.00	513.00
„ Colombia	—	277.74
„ Cuba	203.60	—
„ Denmark	—	1,379.94
„ East & Central Africa	—	1,299.66
„ England	7,651.84	2 131.56
„ Finland	2,576.50	—
„ France	12,553.20	8,584.30
„ Germany	2 542.70	—
„ Iceland	1,388.25	1,648.30
„ India	10,144.80	12,201.65
„ Ireland	175.19	—
„ Indonesia	—	204.00
„ Mexico	2,252.40	1 780.20
„ Netherlands	32,954.59	—
„ New Zealand	2 383.94	2,232.93
„ Northern Ireland	24.20	17.50
„ Norway	221.14	211.38
„ Philippines	43.00	1,306.33
„ Portugal	626.98	500.50
„ Scotland	269.77	150.00
„ South Africa	2,239.38	—
„ Uruguay	—	773.98
„ U. S. A.	46,185.25	47,107.60
„ Wales	—	329.84
„ Yugoslavia	278.48	681.35
Canadian Federation	1 054.56	560.01
Lodges Attached to Adyar	4,694.42	1,508.66
Fellows-at-Large	2,477.60	2,041.58
Total	<u>156,459.55</u>	<u>113,195.64</u>

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

BUDGET FOR 1977-78

EXPENDITURE	Budget for 76-77	Actuals for 76-77	Budget for 77-78	INCOME	Budget for 76-77	Actuals for 76-77	Budget for 77-78
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Special Departments:				Special Departments:			
Adyar Library ...	98,400	102,862	98,000	Adyar Library ...	34,500	47,195	37,750
Bhojanasala ...	83,200	82,452	73,850	Bhojanasala ...	66,000	82,824	74,000
Consumer Stores ...	155,695	148,713	150,000	Consumer Stores ...	155,804	153,198	150,000
Garden Department ...	82,250	90,797	65,250	Garden Department ...	38,400	46,168	64,500
Laundry Department ...	19,575	22,622	20,000	Laundry Department ...	15,000	13,657	14,000
Leadbeater Chambers ...	97,650	99,585	82,066	Leadbeater Chambers ...	66,500	94,193	82,900
Maintenance Dept. ...	312,090	365,137	267,190	Maintenance Department... ..	279,350	298,914	265,950
Theosophical Publishing House ...	188,515	206,518	202,265	Theosophical Publishing House ...	227,400	275,988	241,400
Vasanta Press ...	238,450	207,762	244,950	Vasanta Press ...	241,000	210,004	249,500
Adyar News-Letter ...	—	3,271	—	Donations ...	10,000	12,621	8,000
Bad Debts ...	700	115	500	Income from Casuarina ...	46,000	34,094	—
Centre for Theosophical Studies ...	10,000	—	10,000	Interest (Gross) ...	250,000	342,966	350,000
Child Welfare Centre ...	12,000	6,768	9,000	Quarters Maintenance ...	85,000	62,613	60,000
Convention ...	15,000	26,782	12,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	300,571	285,176	192,571
Depreciation ...	105,000	108,744	100,000				
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	—	164	—				
Dispensary ...	15,000	15,274	15,000				
Electricity & Water ...	6,000	12,677	15,000				
Estate Management ...	10,000	16,264	15,000				
Fire Insurance ...	2,000	1,576	2,000				
Gratuity Allocation ...	12,500	—	6,000				
H. Q. Department ...	7,000	12,293	12,000				
Information Department ...	2,000	5,855	5,500				
Insurance Fund Administration ...	—	33	—				
International Offices—General ...	51,000	41,333	64,000				
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	4,500	5,185	5,500				
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	7,000	10,140	8,000				
Legal & Audit Expenses ...	8,000	9,820	8,000				
Miscellaneous ...	10,000	9,426	10,000				
Movable Properties Department ...	20,000	31,501	28,000				
Museum & Archives ...	13,000	15,893	12,000				
Postage, Telegram and Telephones ...	10,000	15,767	15,000				
Printing and Stationery ...	15,000	20,013	15,000				
P.F. Administration ...	—	113	—				
Publications to General Secretaries ...	2,000	1,854	2,000				
Repairs & Renewals ...	30,000	72,157	50,000				
Retirement Allowances ...	22,000	18,374	18,000				
Sanitary Department ...	18,000	21,048	20,000				
Security Department ...	90,000	109,260	90,000				
Taxes ...	40,000	32,592	38,000				
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,000	1,825	1,500				
Loss on Sale of Korestat Copier ...	—	7,036	—				
	1,815,525	1,959,611	1,790,571		1,815,525	1,959,611	1,790,571

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